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Who's Who and What's What

The Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans is completing a new dormitory for student nurses, which will be ready for occupancy by the fall class.—B.

Crowded conditions in the Southern Baptist Hospital have made it necessary for that institution to reject many patients in the last few weeks. The addition opened last December by no means furnishes beds enough for the demand for service.—B.

Walnut: Rev. W. C. Howard will be with us for a week's meeting beginning Monday evening, July 21st. It is also expected that Dr. Trot of Blue Mountain College will lead the singing for us. We are hoping and working for a good meeting.—Aubrey B. Hill, Pastor.

Pastor W. L. Day of Pascagoula preached in an evangelistic meeting in Crane Memorial Mission, the shipyard section, week before last. Two came on profession of faith; five by letter and many came rededicating their lives to Christ. All were spiritually enriched.

Total receipts for Southwide objects reported by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for the month of June were \$138,575.97. Of this \$90,927.15 came through the cooperative program; \$28,717 designated and \$18,931.82 through the Hundred Thousand Club. The total for the past six months was \$1,256,435.51, as compared with \$1,080,376.80 for the same period a year ago. Mississippi sent a total of \$4,988.04 for the month of June. Of this \$2,045.41 went through the Cooperative Program; \$2,276.82 designated and \$665.81 through the Hundred Thousand Club. Mississippi was twelfth in the list of giving states.

Dr. Hendon M. Harris passed through Jackson a few days ago on his way from Kai Feng, China, to Memphis, Tenn., where his wife was awaiting him. He is looking mighty well in spite of his harrowing experience in China. And in the meantime he is ready for service in any field which needs him.

The Western Recorder gives on its cover page the likeness of Dr. T. J. Barksdale, for several years pastor in Louisville, Ky., and a member of the Board of Managers of the Western Recorder. Brother Barksdale is a native Mississippian, an alumnus of Mississippi College and formerly pastor in Natchez and Tupelo. His substantial work in the pastorate and as a loyal helper in every good cause entitle him to such recognition. They don't make 'em better than Tom.

The Sunday School Board has brought out a volume of sermons by Dr. Carter Helm Jones, now of Williamsburg, Va., entitled PROPHETIC PATRIOTISM. Dr. Jones has held some of the most prominent pastorates in the South and one or two among Northern Baptists. He is a noble son of a noble scion, Dr. J. Wm. Jones, a well known author and preacher. Dr. Jones was probably the youngest man ever to preach the sermon before the Southern Baptist Convention. He is known as one of the most pleasing speakers in the denomination. We are glad that he has given us this product of his preaching ministry. It will inspire to the highest ideals. The price of the book of sermons is \$1.00.

Dr. A. E. Prince has begun his work as President of Hannibal-LaGrange College in Missouri, having resigned his pastorate at First Church, West Monroe, La.

Bethany Church revival begins August 6 with Pastor C. S. Moulder preaching and Rev. Tom Douglas assisting. Prayer meeting and special singing in the grove preceding the service in the church.

Pastor J. S. Deal is making faithful preparation for a week's meeting at Silver City, beginning July 27. He will be assisted by Rev. W. L. Meadows of Quitman. Join them in prayer for the lost.

Pastor P. D. Bragg of Carthage had Dr. Ira C. Cole, Highland Heights Baptist Church of Memphis and "Bill" Nason of Kosciusko with him in an eight days meeting. The members of the church and other people of the town were highly pleased with the work of these two men. The church experienced one of the best revivals in recent years. In connection with the revival the Sunday School conducted a Vacation Bible School, the enrollment of which was about seventy-five percent of the total enrollment of the Sunday School.

The papers of July 14 brought the report of the death of Mr. Mark S. Dougherty of Coldwater. To the editor as to many others, his going means the loss of a personal friend, known from boyhood. There are many ties running through the years. Brother Dougherty like his father was a deacon in the church at Coldwater for many years. He was active in all Christian work. He was also for several terms Chancery Clerk of Tate County. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife who was Miss Stovall, and three children who honor his memory, beside a sister and two brothers. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor Beatty. He will be greatly missed.

Dr. M. E. Dodd will preach for five Sundays in August in Temple Baptist Church, Los Angeles. His church in Shreveport had 196 additions in the first six months of this year and gave to all causes \$40,000. They will pay off their building debt this year and now have plans for an addition educational building next year. All the Baptist churches in Shreveport unite in an evangelistic campaign in a tent Sept. 14-Oct. 12 under the leadership of Evangelist Hyman Appelman and Ira Prosser. Another campaign is planned for March 8-22 next year under the direction of Evangelist R. Q. Leavell.

There are said to be 5,000 Roman Catholic priests who are missionaries in China.

The ground around the Dead Sea once thought to be absolutely barren now is counted one of the most fertile spots on the globe, producing fourteen crops of alfalfa in ten months.

Pastor J. B. Parker of Ripley reports one of the most successful meetings in the history of the church. Large crowds from start to finish; 24 additions. Dr. J. Norris Palmer of First Church, Baton Rouge preached and the pastor had charge of the music. "Dr. Palmer is a great preacher, and our people enjoyed every message. The sermons were fine and to the point. Sunday night, June 29 the church closed the Daily Vacation Bible School; over 250 enrolled; a great success."

The hearts of all our people were deeply touched by the accident that befell "Mother Berry" at Blue Mountain some days ago. She fell and broke her hip; was immediately taken to the Baptist Hospital where everything is being done for her comfort. At the last report which came to us she had undergone an operation successfully and was doing as well as could be expected. Mrs. Berry celebrated her ninetieth birthday last November, and was honored by people all over the nation. Many will pray for her complete recovery.

Pastor A. E. Pardue of Magnolia has with him in a revival meeting this week Dr. C. C. Morris of Ada, Oklahoma, who spent his youth near here and attended his first Sunday School in Magnolia. The music is being led by Mr. Donald R. Dunn, Chancery Clerk.

Mississippi Baptist Pastors and Churches Re-Emergency Offering on Sunday, July 27 for Carrying Christ to our Boys in Camps. Please write this office for additional offering envelopes. Will send as long as they last. Blessings upon you.

D. A. McCall.

As soon as this issue of The Record is off the press the Editor plans to begin his vacation. The Board last December voted him a month's rest; and Secretary D. A. McCall has kindly offered to be responsible for the next four issues of The Record. We are grateful to all these brethren, and feel assured the readers will greatly enjoy and be helped by the special issues which Brother McCall is preparing. "Till we meet again!"

It is said that in the District of Columbia there are 460 churches, of which one third are negro Baptists. There are said to be 80,000 Catholics, of whom one fourth are under thirteen years of age. There are said to be over a million people in the metropolitan area. The growth in Washington has been fifty per cent. There are 31 white Baptist churches.

The Baptist Standard of Texas outdid itself last week in a special issue devoted to the Relief and Annuity Board. This excellent Baptist journal is always up to the best in publicizing Baptist interests. The July 10 issue gives a front page picture of the new building of the R. and A. Board, just occupied. It is a three story structure of chaste architectural design and construction and will accommodate the many Baptist agencies which center in Dallas. More information will be furnished about the building later. The building was dedicated July 16 with the board members present, also the State Secretaries and the State Editors and other Baptist leaders. The pictures of these are given in The Standard, which is a regular album of photographs and a storehouse of information. Beside the outside view of the building, many interior views are presented. Our congratulations to the Relief and Annuity Board and our best wishes for the future expansion of its useful ministry.

Pastor C. C. Jones reports 19 additions to Macedonia Church in Simpson County, 16 by baptism, in a meeting just closed. He was aided by his brother, R. R. Jones of McComb. The congregations were the largest in years. The church is growing rapidly and developing in the grace of giving. There are twenty-five tithers in the congregation and will be more. The new building will be finished in the fall, and at the beginning of the new year the church will go from one-fourth to one-half time preaching.

Dr. Mark Lowrey, pastor at Wesson, has Dr. S. H. Jones of Brookhaven with him this week in a meeting.

An incident of relative unimportance has attracted a good deal of attention over the country in the past week. A group of soldiers who have been in the army maneuvers in Tennessee were passing through Memphis on their way to Arkansas, and were boisterous and disorderly in passing a group of young women who possibly needed rebuke for the way they were dressed. But it was not for the province of these boys, nor was their manner a credit to the army. The general in charge disciplined them for their conduct and to one or two congressmen made fools of themselves by undertaking to reprove the commanding officer. If there is anything an army is for, it is discipline. And if there is anything which a modern youth needs it is discipline. To interfere with this is the height of folly. The only way you would know some men are in Congress is by hearing them bray. And there seems to be a good deal of it on the part of some who get into the limelight by opposing the President. There are a few who seemed to have learned from Balaam's ass how to talk. You know there is a difference of opinion as to what language Balaam's ass spoke. Some say "Hebraic"; others, "Ass-yrian." Take your choice.

Mr. Robert L. Cooper, Gospel Singer of Aberdeen is available for a meeting the week beginning July 27.

DO IT NOW

George W. Sadler, Secretary
for Africa, Europe and the Near East,
Foreign Mission Board

Even when their homes and hospitals and churches and places of business were being rendered heaps of rubbish, the British people were planning to rebuild the blasted areas. Viewing the ruins of the cathedral at Coventry just after it had been blown to bits, the Provost declared: "They can destroy our cathedral but they cannot kill the spirit that brought it into being. St. Michael's will rise again."

The Malvern Conference also illustrates the determination of the British to rebuild on an enduring basis. Led by the Archbishop of York, this group addressed itself to the task of reordering the affairs of the Anglican church. They refused to accept the spiritual status quo, insisting that society must be reorganized on a Christian basis.

What We Can Do

Our present attitudes and action will influence future thinking and living. What we do now will determine our after-war-world. Those of us who participated in the World War and are victimized by this one are not willing to continue to live in a warring world. We want to do something now that will make future wars difficult, if not impossible.

There are differences of opinion as to what our government should do in this emergency. Individuals and groups are as widely separated in their thinking as the "do nothings" and the "all-out shooters." On such matters, those who sit in governmental seats must decide. As loyal citizens, we shall try to follow the lead of those whose duty it is to determine our national destiny. Ours is a spiritual task and now is the time to revamp it and rededicate ourselves to it.

Taking Christ to the Camps

Dr. Lawrence has made an admirable statement concerning the responsibility of Southern Baptists in the matter of meeting the spiritual needs of our soldiers. To the Home Mission Board and the state secretaries has been delegated the task of raising \$300,000.00 for this purpose. The Foreign Mission Board joins other south-wide agencies in urging Baptists of the south to respond generously to this worthy appeal.

In this connection it should be said that an earnest request for workers for two military camps in that area has come from our Hawaiian Mission. The Foreign Mission Board will announce in the near future the selection of two of our finest missionary couples for duty with the 40,000 United States soldiers who are now stationed in Hawaii.

Feeding the Starving

Tender-hearted members of our church have contributed almost \$90,000.00 for Chinese relief. In comparison with the needs this is a very small amount but the missionaries who have dispensed it and the Chinese who have received it are deeply grateful for the generosity which prompted it.

The Board in its June meeting approved the plan to send \$200.00 per month to inaugurate and maintain a soup kitchen in Madrid. Brother Fernandez, the local pastor, has the complete confidence of the Franco government and it is believed that he will be able to meet a desperate need while he makes friends for evangelical Christianity. Southern Baptists ought to express their appreciation to a gracious God and their concern for starving peoples by opening their hearts and purses NOW. The Foreign Mission Board will be glad to receive and transmit any funds which may be designated for these tragic needs.

After the War

Many believe that soon after the present conflagration shall have burned itself out the people of the world will be plunged into the worst depression they have ever known. Wise members of the board are convinced that we should create an emergency fund which may be used to help tide us over the lean years that lie ahead. A good beginning has been made but the emergency fund should be increased many fold. During these years of prosperity let us give liberally that we may be able to enter the wide-open doors that will challenge us after the war.

OUR FATHER

O, God, as I in contemplation stand
Before the mighty wonders of Thy hand,
I bow my heart and humbly kneel in praise
Of Him who fashioned multitudes of days.
And flung them forth to bless the lives of some
And curse the lives of others (all who come
To Thee are blest and all the rest are doomed).

O, Thou, who dreamed the rose ere it first
bloomed,
Who stooped in contemplation o'er the dust,
Breathed into it a spirit and a trust
In Thee, Almighty God—though man denied
And turned away from Thee—yet at his side
Thou art forever pleading that he come
And live with Thee in Thy eternal home.

To Thee, who flung the comets into space
And uttered words that Time cannot erase,
To Thee be praise—all praise to Thee be given
By all on earth, the sky, the sea, and heaven.

O, God, to Thee we offer all the praise
And glory that our loving hearts can raise.
But, God, to Thee our praise must seem so small—
To Thee, who madest man and loudest all.

—Antonina Canzoneri.

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THE STUFF OF WHICH HEROES ARE MADE

(Foreign Mission Board)—Accepting as true the old adage, "Difficulties are the things that show what you are made of," Southern Baptists can not escape the conclusion that their missionaries to foreign lands are made of hero material. No note of complaint or self-pity mars the song of praise as Missionary John A. Abernathy of Tsinan, China writes of present experiences. He says in part:

"It is a joy these days to know something experimentally of what Paul meant when he said, 'We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed but not in despair; persecuted but not forsaken; cast down but not destroyed.' (II Cor. 4:8, 9.) 'Nay in all these we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.' If we took time to think about the dangers and risks we face daily we might be tempted to fear and run away to a place of safety. But as long as we know we are in His will and the place of His choosing we know there is no safer place in the whole world. It is true that all are not led alike—some being led to go and others to stay. To be constantly in His will is the important thing.

"It is nothing short of a miracle the way God continues to bless the work on this field. There were never more wide open doors for witnessing in the form of preaching, teaching and healing. We have never seen larger congregations in the churches; enrollment in our schools is limited only by the size of the classrooms; and hospital clinics were never more crowded than now. Do you ask why? Because the people are hungry for the Truth as it is in Christ Jesus. They like the kind of Christian schools we run and they have learned the mission hospital is the best place to get treatment and spiritual help when they are sick."

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HOPE DEFERRED

(Foreign Mission Board)—At the invitation of the Rumanian Baptists, Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke visited that country for the purpose of making another attempt to settle the legal status of the denomination. During his stay an administrative order was issued in which the Statute presented by the denomination was approved. This was a definite step toward the clarification of the Baptist position. However, the battle for complete religious liberty has yet to be won. Baptists are still looking forward to the time when their status shall be defined and guaranteed by a state law in which their rights and liberties as a religious body will no longer be in dispute.

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Pastor J. Hardee Kennedy of Pachuta recently assisted Pastor D. L. Stennis in evangelistic services at Clifton, Louisiana. Many Christians were strengthened and seven accessions were made to the church.

Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

"GETTING PEOPLE TO READ"

One of the problems that a pastor has with him continually is the important and difficult task of getting his people to be regular readers of the Bible and Christian literature. It is very essential that we do something about this.

The radio, the funny papers, picture magazines and moving pictures are affecting the reading habits of the American people in a very large way. All the genius that man, science, and human talents can utilize have been enlisted in the service of entertaining and informing people without their having to bother about doing serious reading.

If we build strong Christian lives they must be informed and strengthened through Christian reading. It is up to the pastor to stimulate a desire on the part of his congregation to read the things that will instruct, inform, and inspire his people. Several years ago I became convinced that this was one job at which I would work definitely and have been trying to do something about it.

Next week we will describe something of the scope and method of our efforts in this direction. In the meantime let us bear in mind that Paul's admonition to Timothy: "Til I come give attendance to reading" is one for the preacher and all the people to accept as a personal word to themselves to which they should give heed.

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COURAGEOUS CHRISTIANS

(Foreign Mission Board)—The Bessarabian Baptists, as one man, heroically decided, in the face of an unknown future under the Russian government, to remain at their homes and to continue to preach and spread the Gospel wherever possible. Due to the restrictions upon all forms of communication between Rumania proper and the occupied territory, very little authentic news has been received from Bessarabia concerning the Rumanian Baptist constituency. But from the little news which has reached here it is clear that although the Word may be forced under ground, yet it lives, it is reached and it bears fruit even in difficult circumstances.

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PRAYER

God give me vision to discern
The way today my steps should turn
To shun defeat and to attain
The happy heights I hope to gain.

God give me courage to aspire,
The grit to grasp my heart's desire,
An iron will that scorns to yield,
Whatever foeman takes the field.

God give me patience to pursue
The trail attempted, bravely through.
For fortitude to face each task
Serenely, Lord, I fondly ask.

For lighter loads I breathe no prayer,
But for the sturdy strength to bear
Whatever burdens life may bring,
The strength to bear them and to sing.

God, give me faith to light the way
And hope to turn to gold the gray
And love, O Lord, to make me true
To self, to others, and to You.

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—David E. Guyton,

Blue Mountain, Mississippi.

Bethel Church, Copiah County, begins a revival meeting the third Sunday in July. They have just had their first Vacation Bible School, led by Miss Ruby Evans of Sontag. "Building a Standard Sunday School" was taught at night. 37 enrolled, five finishing the book. Pastor M. P. Jones attended some of the time. Rev. H. T. McLaurin spoke one night.

FRIDAY THE THIRTEENTH: I
By Plautus I. Lipsey, Jr.

Mussolini has striven mightily to revive the glories of ancient Rome and identify them with modern developments and ideas in the Fascist state. In at least one respect he has signally failed: the modern Italian seems entirely baffled by my classical Roman first name.

Several times I have been in Italy and never have the Italians been able to spell my first name, which is that of the chief writer of light drama of classical Rome. They give it as many queer perversions as my friends do in America, and apparently know less of the original than they do of me.

These misspellings have not disturbed me, for I have become hardened to them since the childhood names when a nickname was sent to my rescue. But there came a day when such an error did give me a cold-shiver.

This day was Friday, the thirteenth of September, 1940, when I found myself in Rome, about to take an Italian airplane across the Mediterranean Sea, Spain and Portugal, to Lisbon.

In previous articles I have told something of the great difficulties which had to be overcome before I could arrange my travels from Budapest, Hungary, to the Atlantic port where I hoped to take steamship passage for New York and escape from the war-deranged continent of Europe. My own mental agony and consequent state of nervousness also have been described.

At the aviation ticket office before daylight on this day, I looked at the passenger list on which thirteen names were set down for the 1100 mile flight to Lisbon. But mine was not there! Yes, after careful scrutiny, I found something on the sixth line of the pencilled list, a name which seemed to be "Plantures." This was a little worse than usual, but I had to assume that it was myself, the first name misspelled and used for the surname.

Looking further, I noted that each name was listed with the passport number of the passenger. But mine was wrong. The third digit was entered as a six instead of an eight.

I did not like these errors, but I shrugged them off. Nothing goes right in wartime. But I had a little sinking feeling in my empty stomach as I recalled the words of the American consul—"You are flying on Friday the thirteenth, and there are just thirteen passengers on your plane."

I have told how the thirteenth passenger—an over-age medical student whom I name Flitch—discovered himself to all by provoking disputes at the ticket office, in the bus to the airport (where he sat by me), and while we waited at the airport. Flitch, an American citizen, attached himself, quite voluntarily, to me and we were on a friendly basis when the officials let us out the gates to the runway to climb aboard the big ship "Tito."

All thirteen of us were nervous, all were weary and old looking. Each, I am sure, had suffered his painful experiences before getting passage on this plane to the port of escape.

"You are not Signor Lipsey!" challenged the official at the gate to the runway. I replied firmly that I was Signor Lipsey. What was the matter with these people? Of course none of us looked like his passport picture. The man let me pass, and handed me my red passport.

Eleven men and two women. We climbed nervously into the big, throbbing passenger plane. The women, I believe, were Italian-Americans. Of the men, we were five Americans, one Swede, one Lithuanian (just converted into a Russian), and four others I did not identify as to nationality.

Mr. Flitch, number Thirteen, followed me in and took the seat with me on the right near the rear.

The crew were three men: two tall, gaunt, swarthy pilots, and a curly-haired, cherub-faced young mechanic who was the political representative.

Once inside the long tube of the airplane, the crew paid no attention to us. Here we were, about to fly across a vast sea in a land plane, through a hotly-disputed war area. But no parachutes or floats were given us, and no instruction of any kind were offered in case of emergency.

The small round windows were covered with a

chalk smear. The "Tito" got in motion rapidly and began to rise. I rubbed the chalk off my window (others followed the example) and looked down upon the green Italian countryside. In a few minutes the green fields gave way to the sea-coast and we passed over a coastal city, Civitavecchia, no doubt.

Out over the sea, we gained altitude rapidly. Very soon we approached a magnificent mass of rocks, and looked down upon the island of Corsica. Loft, rugged mountains, all of it that we could see. Little roads curled like snail tracks through the deep valleys. Where had been Napoleon's boyhood home, we asked ourselves.

Again we were over the open sea, heading straight for Barcelona. Corsica disappeared to the east. The sky above us was bright and hot. The sea below was like another sky, inverted. Sky, the sea and the roar of the engines became monotonous. The air was smooth. The passengers settled down in relaxed positions, and some of them went to sleep.

Flitch got tired of me, and went forward to continue his chatter with other passengers and the crew. I shut my eyes and tried to rest, and think. Three nights without sleep, on top of weeks of strain. I was not myself, excessively nervous, and knew myself to be very irritable. I must try to avoid any irritation. It was best to avoid conversation.

Would I really be able to sail from Lisbon next Wednesday, for home?

What happened when an English warplane met an enemy Italian passenger plane over the Mediterranean?

Three hours of monotonous flight had passed when we sighted land, first a bare curving shore, then a city. We approached Barcelona directly from the sea, and the "Tito" came down fast. Across the wide bay the plane descended to where it seemed to me it would strike the water. It passed over the masts of fishing boats and I thought we would not clear them. "Crazy flying, I call it," said my neighbor across the way, a Swedish diplomat. I was frankly frightened. The pilot, I believe, was just having a little fun. Italians are like that.

The big ship roared louder and rose to a safe level as we crossed the shoreline. The "Tito" circled out into the sagebrush west of Barcelona, and came down upon the field of an ill-kept airport. Just as the plane was coming to earth, Flitch jumped to his feet to see better—and drew black looks from the crew.

We all crept out at the Barcelona airport, hoping to get something to eat. A Spanish officer took our passports. It was nearly noon, and I had breakfasted on a portion of a stale roll at the Roman air field. There were a number of low, barrack-like houses on the field, and we were told there was a restaurant. But we could not find it, and were presently herded into the political room where passports were checked and we were questioned. As this was being finished, we were ordered back into the airplane, without food. My passport was last. The officer was about to hand it back to me, but he glanced at it again, then looked sharply at me and said:

"Your Portuguese visa has expired, five days ago. They will not let you enter at Lisbon."

My heart dropped into my empty stomach. I was not able to speak. We were herded back into the plane and darkness descended upon me.

Ah—Friday the thirteenth!

(To be continued)

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"I think that the bringing together of the young men of America into the training camps places upon us a responsibility from which we cannot shirk, and opens a door of opportunity which would be hard to equal. At Fort Jackson, near Columbia, are 43,000 men away from home, under a new environment, facing new conditions. Not only will they respond to the right kind of spiritual program; they are hungry for it."—Pastor R. C. Campbell, First Baptist Church, Columbia, S. C.

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Canadians are said to spend enough for liquor every year to pay for 2,000 big bombers, that is \$200,000,000. As the little man said when he looked from behind a very large lady and saw a milk truck turned over: "What a waste!"

EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW TO WHAT FAMILY HE BELONGS
By G. C. Hodge

Every Christian should know that there are two fathers and two sets of children in the world. Jesus said to unbelievers, "You are of your father, the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do" (Jno. 8:44). "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God" (Jno. 1:12).

Every Christian Should Know That Children Partake of Their Parents' Nature. Children of the devil lie, slander, backbite, whisper, deceive, hate and destroy character because they have the devil's nature. They are disloyal to the church and cannot be trusted. And the longer they live the more like the devil they become.

Children of God are true, loyal, dependable, honest, sober, forgiving, long suffering, meek and patient. They can be trusted. And the longer they live the more godlike they become.

Every Christian Should Know That Children Do Their Parents' Will and Work. Children of the devil hinder the work of the church. They discredit the preaching of the gospel. Many of them attend and work in Sunday schools but lead people away from the worship services of the church, and away from God. They desecrate the Lord's Day. They promote every kind of evil device and practice.

Children of God build up and carry on the work of the churches. They lead people to hear the gospel and win them to the Saviour. They encourage and pray for Christian workers. They keep the Lord's Day sacred. They oppose every kind of evil device and practice.

Every Christian Should Know That Children Inherit Their Parents' Kinsfolk. Unbelievers are all brothers and sisters in the devil. If you are a child of the devil, every sinner of every kind and age, every drunkard, gambler, murderer, liar, prostitute, and every promoter of wickedness of every kind is your brother or sister. And Jesus said, "Except you repent, you shall all in like manner perish."

Children of God are all brothers and sisters in the Lord. If you are a child of God, Peter, James, John and all the other apostles and all the saints of all the ages are your brothers and sisters. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is your sister. Every Christian minister and layman in the world is your kinsman. Jesus said, "Father, I will that they also whom thou hast given me be with me."

Every Christian Should Know That Children Inherit Their Parents' Possessions. Children of the devil will one day come into actual possession of all the devil has, but what does he have? Nothing. He is a deceiver, a murderer and a liar and the father of liars. He leads people to believe that if they leave God out of their lives they will receive whatever they desire, but they do not. They come at last to heartaches, misery and want in this life, and in the world to come eternal suffering.

Children of God will one day come into actual possession of all that God has. He has made his children heirs and joint heirs with Jesus, which means that as certain as Jesus receives His portion of the inheritance, each child of God will receive his. And God is rich in houses and lands, He holdeth the wealth of the world in His hands. Of rubies and diamonds, of silver and gold, His coffers are full, He has riches untold.

Every Christian Should Know That Children Will One Day Live In Their Parents' Home. Children of the devil will one day go to live in the devil's home. It is described as hell, as a place which burns with fire and brimstone. The children of God will one day go to live in God's home. His home is described as heaven.

Every Christian Should Know That Children of the Devil May Become Children of God. Jesus said, "As many as receive him, to them gave He the power to become the sons of God."

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There is a tendency among the larger churches today to increase the amount used for local expenses exorbitantly until there is little left for missions and benevolences. What's the use of a church if it does not help others?

EDITORIALS

HE LOOKED FOR THE CITY

Abraham was an ancient mystic; not the first one, but an early representative of those to whom God was real. Abel was a mystic in the sense that he had an acute realization of God. He had access to God and God spoke to him. The King James Version of Hebrews 11:2 says, "By it (faith) the elders obtained a good report." The American Revised Versions translates it correctly, "He had witness borne to him." And in verse 5 it is said of Enoch, "He had witness borne to him." This means that the avenues of communication between him and God were open both ways. He had access to God and God spoke to him.

A mystic is a man who has the faculty of realizing the presence of God and uses this faculty as really and as constantly as he uses his five physical senses. A mystic is a man who walks with God; in whose life He is an ever present fact and factor; one who can say, "In him we live and move and have our being." There are people in whom one or more of the five physical senses is lacking. In the normal man all of them are active. There is a spiritual faculty which makes a man conscious of God. The Bible calls this spiritual faculty Faith. And so we read repeatedly in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, "By faith Abel—by faith Enoch—by faith Noah—by faith Abraham," etc. "Faith is the putting to the test things hoped for and the consequent conviction of things not seen." It is by this that we come to the assurance of spiritual facts and experiences. They become as real to us as our bodies, or the bodies of others.

It is about Abraham now that we speak, that ancient mystic who heard the voice of God back in Ur of the Chaldees. It was so real and unmistakable that he did not hesitate to follow it. "By faith, when he was called, he obeyed." He dared not disobey. It was no emigrant urge; it was no spirit of physical adventure; it was no longing for greater economic advantage or material prosperity. It was the voice of God. "Said the Lord to Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred and from thy father's house, unto the land that I will show thee; and I will make of thee a great nation."

Things had gone awry with the world. It was not what God wanted it to be and meant it to be. God will make a new start, as He did with Noah. He will not again destroy the world, but He will make a new world, a new order even in the midst of the old one, out of some who are a part of the old one. He will make a new race with new ideals. And for this He calls Abram out of the old one.

Abram is responsive to the call of God; he means to cooperate with the Lord in this purpose. How much of it he understands we cannot now know; but probably more than we are accustomed to think, for God is very real to him and becomes more and more so. By works was his faith made perfect, his vision of God clearer; so he goes at the command of God. He is looking for the city which hath foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

A man who has a clear and true vision of God will envisage a new order, a new society, a new standard and method of life. Seeing God changes everything. "In thy light shall we see light." So Abraham goes to make a new beginning. He is not a young man; he is not a visionary. He does not seek to escape from the world but to build a new one. And God takes him away from the city and puts him into a new environment. He separates him from the old life that the new life may be begun and carried on to consummation. How glad we ought to be that God gives a chance to make a new start, to start right and make things right from this on.

The writer of Hebrews describes the attitude of Abraham thus: "He looked for the city which hath foundations, whose architect and builder is God." Men had built up what to them had seemed great civilizations, great cities, great institutions and governments. So had they in Babel, in Babylon, in Nineveh, in Ur of the Chaldees. Now God will make one according to His own plan. His plan is different. He is both 'architect and builder.' He

YE ARE COME UNTO THE CITY

In the eleventh chapter of Hebrews we have the words, "He looked for the city." In the twelfth chapter are the words, "Ye are come unto the city." There can hardly be any question that "the city" is the same in both cases. What Abraham looked for and never saw, we of the Christian age have found.

The whole Bible puts emphasis upon the spiritual as contrasted with the material. The material is to hold our attention and teach us about the actuality of the spiritual. Religion deals with things which in their nature are invisible. Read again Heb. 11:1, "Faith is a putting to the test things that are hoped for (like a laboratory test, a scientific experiment), a conviction (arrived at by experiment) of the things not seen." Its mission is to prove the reality of things not visible to physical eyes, or demonstrated by the physical senses.

Paul in Romans says, The invisible things of God since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, even his everlasting power and divinity. His power and divinity are manifest in the creation all around us. We must use the visible to prove the invisible.

But in the Epistle to the Hebrews this bringing of the invisible into the forefront is more marked than almost anywhere else in the Bible. If it is scattered throughout the whole Bible, it is particularly evident in Hebrews. It is here that we read that Moses "endured as seeing Him who is invisible." It is this realizing of the invisible that constitutes religion and is the function of faith. That is what held every one of those heroes of faith, spoken of in the eleventh chapter, firm and steadfast. This idea runs through the whole book, and like the limestone rock in the fields crops out conspicuously ever and anon.

Now getting back to the "city" we read, "Ye are come unto Mt. Zion, even unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem," &c. What Abraham looked for, "Ye are come unto." The Jerusalem in Palestine was just a symbol of the New Jerusalem. It was the place where God dwelt in the midst of His people. The law went forth from Jerusalem. It was the place to which the tribes went up, where God was revealed in grace and in glory. But the earthly Jerusalem was not the city which Abraham looked for. It was rather the symbol of that for which he looked.

Jesus said, "Abraham saw my day and was glad." He envisioned that which the believers in Jesus now possess. In a kaleidoscope one sees not the bits of broken glass in the little tube through which he looks, but he sees the rays of light broken into many beautiful colors and assuming manifold forms. So in God's dealing with him Abraham envisioned the glory of the coming kingdom of God in the world.

That kingdom is come. John the Baptist makes the plan and He does the construction. And Abraham was looking for just such a place; or if you choose to say it this way, for just such a condition, just such an order. Truly, as Jesus said, "Abraham saw my day and was glad."

Abraham was a great prophet; rather he was a seer. He could see what ordinary men did not see. He saw God; he saw something of God's plan; he saw that there was need of a new order, system, government. He saw that there was need of one with God at the center and over all. It was nothing less than the kingdom of God. He did not see it come. He was all his life looking for the city which has foundations, permanency, that will abide when Babylon and Nineveh and Ur are heaps of dust. He looked for one which was built on the principles of righteousness, goodness, kindness, or recognition of the will of God. He saw in some measure what John saw on the Isle of Patmos, the holy city, the New Jerusalem, coming down from God, out of heaven. He never saw it in fact. But it was in his mind. He "looked for" it. He believed in it, believed it possible, believed it would come. He lived in that faith and died in that faith. "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them and greeted them from afar. They were seeking after a country of their own." What a sublime faith; what a glorious vision.

preached it and Jesus announced it; and said it is among you. We are not to think of "the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem" as something simply in the future. It is for us now to be realized in this world. We are not only to pray, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven. But this is to be the aim of our constant and earnest effort. We are to seek first that kingdom, to make that the chief aim of your lives and efforts. This is to engage all the energies of our souls, that this objective may be attained in our world right now.

The word tells us, "Ye are come unto." This is the thing of which all the prophets spoke and for which all the patriarchs longed and waited. Emmanuel means that God is with us. Whatever the future may or may not hold of geographic location and visible manifestation, we have the kingdom of God in our midst, yes in our hearts. Don't wait till you get to heaven to realize it. Don't wait to the end of the world to get the benefit of it.

Try to take in all that the words mean: "Ye are come unto Mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable hosts of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaketh better than that of Abel. See that ye refuse not him that speaketh."

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ENGLISH REQUIRED

Advices from Urbana indicate that President Willard and the trustees of the University of Illinois have decided that students at the institution must hereafter have a reasonable acquaintance with the English language. Certain standards of accuracy and fluency in the use of English are to be set, and if a student fails to measure up after three semesters, he or she will be dismissed until such time as he or she is able to pass the elementary English test.

Such action on the part of the University of Illinois is balm to the heart of one who has insisted for years that the basic fault in the American educational system was its failure to turn out boys and girls, young men and maidens who had at least a fair working knowledge of what is supposed to be their mother tongue. With college and university requirements what they are, the student without a satisfactory vocabulary and a reasonable ability to read and write is hopelessly handicapped. The English language makes up the tools of the educational process, that is to say, and the worker without his tools is reduced to a mere fraction of ability to accomplish things.—Editorial in Commercial Appeal.

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"I am glad to know Southern Baptists are really going to do something practical concerning the soldiers' training camps. It is impossible for the local churches to meet this challenge without adequate support from the denomination."—Pastor C. R. Shirar, Calvary Baptist Church, Alexandria, La.

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HARDING VERSUS ROOSEVELT
Sharp Difference of Opinion Regarding
Ambassador to the Vatican
By Louie D. Newton

How many of you can go back in memory to questions of national affairs in 1921—just twenty years ago? Whether you recall it or not, an effort was being made at that time to have an ambassador appointed from this Government to the Vatican. The President of the United States at that time was Warren G. Harding, Baptist layman of Marion, Ohio.

I interviewed President Harding that year, while on a visit at Augusta, Ga., and among the questions I asked the President was this one:

"What are you going to do about this effort to have an ambassador appointed to the Vatican?"

And his answer:

"Exactly nothing. I could not appoint any sort of official representative to the Vatican without the consent and approval of the Congress, and I haven't any idea that Congress would authorize any such appointment. Such appointment would be in violation of the Constitution of the United States, as you well know, and neither the Congress nor the President would have the right to violate the Constitution."

In further assurance of his position regarding the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican President Harding wrote a letter under date of April 16, 1921, as follows:

"Your letter of April 11, protesting against the sending of an American diplomatic representative to the Vatican at Rome, is one of a large number that have come to me of similar character. Several correspondents have said that they have read in the newspapers that the sending of such a representative was under consideration by the President.

"It is proper for me to say that the President has given no consideration to such a step and that there will be no occasion for him to consider it, unless Congress should by a law provide for the sending of such an envoy. While the executive has the appointment of diplomatic representatives, the Congress determines to whom and in what rank they shall be accredited.

"It will not be improper for me to say that the government of the United States maintains diplomatic relations only with other governments exercising temporal authority over recognized nations, and that there is no more apparent reason for sending a diplomatic representative to the seat of one great church establishment than to any other.

"Most sincerely yours,
 (Signed) WARREN G. HARDING."

That letter was published in **The Christian Index**, issue of May 19, 1921, page 29.

Eighteen years later, December 24, 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt announced his appointment of a representative to the Vatican, in fulfillment of his promise to Pacelli, now the Pope of the Roman Catholic Church. The Constitution of the United States has not been amended, nor has the Congress given its consent or approval of such appointment. Mr. Taylor is no longer at the Vatican, but in the New York Times, issue of April 18, 1941, we read:

"Pope Pius XII next week will receive Harold Tittman, successor to Myron C. Taylor, as President Roosevelt's personal representative to the Holy See, the Vatican announced Saturday. Tittman conferred during the day with Monsignore Giovanni Montini, assistant secretary of state."

If you would like to bring your file up to date on President Roosevelt's promise to resume diplomatic relations with the Vatican, you will find this clipping from the New York Sun, issue of March 8, 1934, of interest:

"A definite agreement has been reached by President Roosevelt and the Vatican that diplomatic relations shall be established between the United States and the Holy See as soon as public opinion in America can be brought around to the idea, it was learned here today. This will undoubtedly be denied by both the State Department in Washington and the Vatican. Two or three years may elapse before the plan is effected....

A "WILL-CONSCIOUS" PEOPLE

Recently it was my privilege to sit in brief conference with Judge O. B. Taylor, of Jackson, Chairman of the Baptist Bequest Committee. Judge Taylor, it will be recalled, was largely instrumental in securing the repeal of the Mortmain statute, which prohibited bequests by citizens of Mississippi to religious organizations and institutions. Judge Taylor spoke of his deep interest in bringing to Mississippi Baptists the privilege and duty of making wills in which agencies representing the cause of Christ would be beneficiaries. He called attention the fact that, because of this statute of long standing, Christian men and women of the State have not had pressed upon them their stewardship obligations in the disposal of property after death.

The Committee of which Judge Taylor is Chairman proposes to make Mississippi Baptists more "will-conscious," laying upon their hearts the opportunity and the obligation of every Christian who leaves property to be disposed of at his death to make some worthy bequest on behalf of Mississippi College and Blue Mountain College, the Baptist Orphanage and Hospital, and the State Mission Board; and on behalf likewise of the great south-wide causes, Home and Foreign Missions, Baptist Bible Institute, Southwestern and Southern Seminaries, and the Ministerial Relief and Annuity Board. In some instances an individual will have a special object to which he would like to make a bequest. Many would doubtless prefer to have the bequest shared by several or all of these causes, perhaps in the ratio established by the State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Kentucky, began several years ago to emphasize the privilege and duty of Christian men and women leaving at least a tithe of the residue of their estates to the cause of Christ. It is not difficult to convince the open-minded Christian that "the tithe is the Lord's" out of earned income during the Christian's lifetime. It should be just as easy to convince that this principle applies to property or money that is left behind. Yet the tragic fact remains that a great majority of even the most devoted Christians, who have been tithers all their lives, neglect completely to practice the doctrine of stewardship with reference to property left at death.

It is stated on good authority that fewer than four out of ten persons who own property have wills. We are all familiar with the contentions and disappointments that frequently arise when property is left with no valid will to guide its distribution. What vain regrets there would be on the part of hard-working men and women who die intestate if they could come back a year or two after their death and discover the trouble and waste involved because of their failure to make proper legal disposal of their property! It is an act of great kindness to any person who has not made a will to insist that this duty be discharged. If a proper proportion is left to the cause of Christ, the money or property accumulated during the lifetime of a Christian man or woman will bear witness and serve Christ as the most fruitful of all memorials.

Judge Taylor will be glad to furnish further information about the plans of his Committee and to give help to any who may contemplate the making of a will that will honor Christ. Encourage this good man in his noble effort by writing to him concerning your interest and desire.

G. S. Dobbins.

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 The Watchman-Examiner thinks we need a Baptist daily paper in the United States, but says, "But how could such a paper be supported when Baptists will not support their weekly papers?"

But the agreement exists and has been slowly maturing."

And so, we may say that it is the case, at least in one instance, of Harding versus Roosevelt. I am happy to believe that we may go further and say that it is Roosevelt versus the citizens of the United States. Selah.

GAINING BY GIVING
 By John Edwin Price

Retention makes for tension. Tension makes for nerve and other bodily disorders of many types. A person who is out to win will have the long range view of what he will think of the preparation he made and the course he selected when, nearing the end of the trail, he looks back.

We are being told by life experts of many kinds that he will not only be glad that he eliminated the crowding tumor of avarice but also that he learned to give of himself to others.

One of the most poignant of regrets is to have lost friends we might have held—in a world where true friendships are so rare. To make and hold friends one must be willing to give of himself. Friendship is something which grows from the fusion of kindred souls.

Many folks have been accredited smart who have lacked the ability, the self-control, the generosity to win friends.

We want our children to be happy. Durable happiness and abiding satisfactions come from true friendships. Whether or not we send our children to college let us see that they learn the art of being gracious, interested in other's ideas, plans—in other's welfare. In short, let us teach them the simple, generous technique of being friendly.

By being generous, gracious, thoughtful and kind to others they may be occasionally taken in by the weazel minded, the hard and unscrupulous. But, by failing in these arts of friendliness they will be taken in by the arch-enemy of happiness—self-centered loneliness.

When the churches have taught us to be generous of our time, talents and substance they have not been advocating a theory for their own self-preservation. They have been giving us a way of life which, if followed, will save us from ingrown selfishness, impoverished aloofness and possible insanity.

The psychiatrists, who today are so successful in bringing people back from the shadowy borderlands of utter mental confusion, begin by getting the patient to thinking of others.

He who understood humanity best was not violating airy nothings when He said, "Seek first the kingdom of God and its righteousness and all necessary things will be added."

The out-going, out-giving life is not only saved from dire things. Being saved to service such a life becomes attractive to others who are attracted to the interests of the sharing one.

Of course, like many things else, this can be overdone. There are those who share their substance until they themselves are dependent. They are not unlike an over-ripe fruit.

Furthermore, he who gives in order to gain seems to have short-circuited the currency of supply. There is something practical about not letting the left hand know.

But he who gains that he may give, he indeed has learned to live. And to him that hath friendliness, graciousness, thoughtfulness to help, shall be given more of the worth while values of life.

Robert Louis Stevenson revealed how well he had learned life when he wrote: "So long as we love we serve. So long as we are loved by others I would almost say we are indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend."

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A Baptist Young Peoples' Union has been organized at Vaiden, Mississippi, with an enrollment of twenty members. The following officers have been elected: Dorothy Miller, President; Annie Ball Davis, Vice-President; Frances Wiltshire, Corresponding Secretary; Mary Alfred McPherson, Bible Readers' Leader; Billye Williams, Secretary; Sonny Fullilove, Chorister; Mrs. Herman Johnson, Pianist; Marguerite Dulin and Marie Wooten, Group Captains. Brother Madison Flowers is pastor of the Vaiden Baptist Church.

June is supposed to be the month for weddings. But the Florida Baptist Witness says that there were 89 more divorces in Jacksonville in June than there were marriages. Is our civilization worth saving?

A WOMAN WRITES ABOUT PREACHERS

We read in the papers, hear over the radio and on the streets this question: Has the church failed? Is Christianity going to survive? People going every place else except to the house of God. What is the matter?

I was told that small attendance at the Sunday night service was the chief topic discussed at the Evangelistic Conference at Clinton early in the year. Brother Preacher, have you ever sat down and taken an inventory of yourself and your method of preaching? If you haven't I truly hope that ere another Lord's Day comes around you will.

Unless your sermons are different from most of them your congregation will have to sit and listen to a long tiresome sermon on some subject that in all probability your congregation knows more about than you do.

Not so long ago I sat in a service and listened to a lecture, I would call it, a class in Astrology would have thoroughly enjoyed. The preacher told all about the different planets, how they move in their courses; how long it would take if shot from a gun to go to one of the farthest; and just what the trip would cost you. The church was crowded that morning but few came back that night and a good many of them I've never seen again. There wasn't any one saved, although the invitation was given. Why? Well, there was no gospel in it. It was all truth perhaps but the Holy Spirit I'm sure was grieved.

One Sunday a visitor said to me: "There certainly is a dearth of Gospel in the pulpit these days and I believe that the people are hungry for the gospel," and I'm sure she was right.

Another woman said that she had never heard the plan of salvation preached from their pulpit until a visiting preacher came.

"We were 'riled up' something awful a few years ago, when a certain denomination decided to take all the songs that had blood mentioned in them, out of their song books. Yes sir, Baptists sure didn't like that, but our preachers are gradually leaving the Blood out of their sermons."

O! but I can hear you saying, "Why, where does this person live? What kind of preacher they must have! No gospel! Awful!" Well we have a very ordinary preacher. I would say he's about the average preacher; but before you condemn him sit down and read over your sermons since the first of the year and see how much Gospel there is in them.

The devil has invented all kinds of ways to observe and other churches are going to have special programs that day so we must also. Preacher, if you don't believe me, watch your crowd and after you have preached one of these great sermons see how many are back that night. If your sermons are recorded and you had to sit and listen to them, I wonder how proud you'd be of them. Are your services more attractive than the picture show? Are your young people attending night services? Would you stay yourself if you were not the preacher, really now, would you? If you don't believe what I say, ask that junior boy of yours or your neighbor's.

Maybe you say, "Sure I preach the Gospel. I take my text from the Bible; preach the Bible." Well, maybe you do; but is that the gospel?

I have sat and listened to great sermons and had my soul lifted up, but there wasn't a bit of Gospel in it. It was great food for Christians, but not for lost folk.

Well, what is Gospel? The dictionary defines it as "good news," "glad tidings." When Jesus said, "Repent ye, and believe the Gospel; Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel, He meant a very special good news or glad tidings. The angels sang that night in the long ago, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men and good will—for unto you is born in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.' That's the gospel we are to tell to all the world, Jesus saves! What greater message would any one want to tell than this?

In Acts we have these words: "Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spoke, Then Philip opened his mouth and began at the same

scripture and preached unto him Jesus." And what happened? What always happens when Christ is preached? There was a man converted and baptized.

Turn with me to Mark 1:15 a. "Repent ye, and believe the gospel. Matt. 24:14, "And this gospel shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations. Then shall the end be."

Read all through Acts; through the New Testament and you'll find the early Christians preaching one thing only and that was that Jesus is the Christ. Paul said to the Corinthians: "I am determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus and Him crucified." What! You aren't going to tell us all about your tours you've made; what about the country? What kind of crops did they raise? etc. I'm sure Paul could have conversed intelligently on many subjects; could have held any audience spellbound with his adventures; but Paul knew what the Corinthians needed; yea, what all peoples need was Christ and His power to save. So he spoke very positively when he said, "I am determined." "Determined to do what, Paul?" and I can see his eyes flash as he hurls back "To preach Jesus and Him crucified." That was his message everywhere he went; before kings, rulers, slaves, wherever he was. That old story of Christ on the road to Damascus and how he reached down and saved a sinner like him. Every time he told it, it pricked the sinners heart and he came asking, "What must I do to be saved?"

Yes, preachers, pastors, evangelists, teachers, that's the Gospel Christ would have you preach. The devil will tell you that that's so old people are tired of it; these are modern times and people want something new. But listen! I am one of the crowd who hears the comments that people make and I know whereof I speak. People are starving to death for the Gospel.

A pastor was talking to a preacher friend one day and told him that he was very badly discouraged because although he had preached his hardest for a long time, no one had been saved. His friend told him the reason. He said that he had preached some great sermons. He was sincere but that not one he had heard had one bit of Gospel that saves in it. That pastor saw his mistake and has become a great soul winner.

The story is told by one of our great Southern preachers, that one night his telephone rang and a nurse at the hospital wanted him to come at once to see a patient. In the hospital he found a young woman in a semi-conscious state; she had taken poison. In her delirium she had spoken this preacher's name so the nurse had called him. He took hold of her hand and tried to tell her about Jesus and His power to save, but to all his pleading she would only say, "Yes, I know Dr. —— I heard him preach once." Then he'd start all over but she would only say, "Yes, I know Dr. —— I heard him preach once." Close to dawn she died. When he got home tired and weary he found an anxious wife waiting for him. To her inquiry as to where he had been he replied, "I have been all night long holding a young woman's hand and trying to coax her to consciousness long enough to win her to Christ. But I had to sit there and see her go out into darkness and night knowing that at one time she had heard me preach; would to God I knew what I preached about that one time." Dear preacher, what did you preach about last Sunday? What are you planning on preaching next Sunday? Remember, your congregation will have read all the news of the week. They all know just how to win this war; but they'll be tired, discouraged, uncertain about many things. If you want to give them a message that will make them better men and women; one that will encourage and strengthen, then you preach Christ as the Savior of mankind and they'll come back that night for more. Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me." It works in any age.

During slavery time there was an old negro who suddenly began to talk too much to the other field hands so the overseer threatened him; but every day he'd do the same. At last the overseer told the master and he sent for the negro, and asked him to explain why he was talking more than he was working and why he didn't mind the overseer so he would not get whipped. To this the negro

ARE YOU A PROPAGANDIST?

Lately this chaplain has had three interviews that prompted him to write this article.

A splendid young reporter in our camp talked with this chaplain an hour explaining the Christian Science religion. He was enthusiastic and was anxious to tell what he believed. Not long ago a Major who is a Catholic came to the chaplain's room in his barrack and talked for a couple of hours. He insisted on telling all about the Catholic church. A few days ago a ride into Washington, with a lieutenant who embraces the Mormon religion gave the writer an opportunity to get a "free" lecture on Mormonism. Here were three lay members of churches or religions that enthusiastically told all about what they believed with the idea of convincing someone.

These interviews caused two things to be impressed on this Baptist preacher. One is that laymen of other faiths are talking their religion more than Baptist laymen and one cannot help but wonder why. Especially is this true when you consider the other thought. We do not have to convince people that they must have implicit faith in some human or institution before they can understand religion. The Baptist does not have to tell a lost person that he must believe in a Mrs. Eddy, a Brigham Young, or the Catholic hierarchy before he can understand their religion. Since we only have to convince people that the Bible is true and have all the evidence in the world to establish this fact, it looks like we Baptists ought to be ashamed to let members of any faith or religion outdo us in explaining to everybody we meet what we believe. May each of us who has not been as enthusiastic as we could be, begin at once to talk our religion.

P. E. Cullom,
Chaplain, 51st Engrs.

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"Just two miles outside of the main gate that leads to Fort Benning proper is a vast section of territory unclerked. The government has built a housing project for non-commissioned officers; already two hundred homes and more being built. This section is sadly in need of some sort of religious leadership."—Pastor George C. Gibson, Rose Hill Baptist Church, Columbus.

replied: "Well, Marsa, you know ole Missus, she been talking to us niggers on Sunday afternoons about Marsa Jesus and Marsa Jesus done saved this pore nigger, and I se so happy I jest got to tell folks about hit. I just hab to tell dem niggers haw Marsa Jesus sabed me. Am so happy." The Christian master with tears in his eyes told him to go ahead and tell that story everywhere and that humble negro, who had a message he couldn't keep from telling became the world-famous John Jasper of Virginia.

Preacher, have you had an experience like that? Have you got a story you can't help but tell? Are you so happy that Jesus loved you and saved you that you can't keep quiet? If you have, tell it everywhere! It will make better Sunday school teachers, better deacons. It will revolutionize your church and yourself so you won't know it as the same.

"For Christ sent me, not to baptize but to PREACH THE GOSPEL; NOT WITH WISDOM OF WORDS, LEST THE CROSS OF CHRIST SHOULD BE MADE OF NONE EFFECT. For the preaching of the Cross is to them that perish foolishness; but to us which are saved it is the power of God." I Cor. 1:17-17. "For though I preach THE GOSPEL, I have nothing to glory of. For necessity is laid upon we; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the Gospel." I Cor. 9:16.

A charge to keep I have
A God to glorify;
Who gave His Son my soul to save
And fit it for the sky.
Arm me with zealous care
As in thy sight to live,
And O, thy servant, Lord prepare
A strict account to give.

(Signed) A Lover of the Gospel.

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS," I Cor. 13:8b

"Go" Mt. 5:24; "Go" Mt. 10:6; "Go" Mt. 11:4;
"Go" Mt. 28:7; "Go" Mt. 28:19; "Go" Mk. 16:15;
"Go" Lk. 9:60.

"Give" Mt. 5:42; "Give" Mt. 10:8; "Give" Mt. 19:21;
"Give" Lk. 6:38; "Give" II Cor. 9:7.

I

"There is majesty in Old Glory;
There is hope in each stripe and star;
It heralds freedom and liberty,
To nations near and far.
And, unsullied, triumphant, glorified,
It floats anew, and by the Eternal God,
No red shall wave o'er my fair land,
Without the White and Blue."

II

We did not attend the special meeting of the Executive Committee and State Secretaries in Nashville, June 10th. Urgent calls kept us in the State.

This meeting was to work out plans for "The Southern Baptist Emergency Appeal for Religious Work in Camps and Communities," in the program of "Carrying Christ to our Boys in Camps."

Our interest has been great in the defense projects. We have held revivals at two of them. One of our evangelists did special work for a few months at one camp. The other evangelist has a date at a camp. We have given out much literature at some of the defense projects.

Much remains to be done! On July 27th, the churches are taking a special offering to "Carry Christ to the Camps."

Envelopes are being mailed the pastors from this office.

Southwide goal is \$300,000 (Mississippi Baptists' goal, \$15,000). Plan to help! Do it now!

III

Some responsibilities exist from which we may not escape without violating our Commission, and, without doing damage to ourselves and the Cause we represent.

Some tasks are our own. We may not shift them altogether to the shoulders of others.

We refer specifically to our boys in all camps and defense projects. Mississippi Baptists, irrespective of what others may or may not do about the matter, must act in the Name of our God!

Already this matter has been too long neglected.

Now we are directly confronted with the issue. As Mississippi Baptists we turn into the LORD'S TREASURY for this work \$15,000 on Sunday, July 27th.

Report your offering as soon as possible to this office—Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

IV

Dr. R. B. Gunter lingered with us awhile as we talked together on Mississippi Baptist affairs. He appears hale, hearty, happy as a pastor, farmer, and evangelist! Blessings upon him!

"Billy" Watson, President Mississippi B. S. U., came by for a lengthy conference on B. S. U. plans. You will certainly hear from him in the coming months. He will be a "Choctaw" next year!

V

Mrs. L. R. Williams was one of the many helpful recent visitors. Of course you know she is director of Mississippi's largest B. T. U. She will tell you it is the best. However, we are not on that point now.

The selection of Mrs. Williams as B. T. U. director about 1930 is an outstanding testimony of prayer in the memory of the Writer. She has been a great factor in the life of her church.

"Pray ye therefore—" Matt. 9:35-38.

Jesus told how to do it long ago!

VI

Some half dozen of our veterans of the Cross (pastors), are this month receiving first retirement benefits under our Convention plan! Even

though they have participated only one year in the plan they get for the most part about \$50.00 per month. Not a full salary, but much more than 0!

One Board employee is receiving retirement benefits.

All of these have served long and well—helping build the work of Christ we enjoy today.

May God bless them!

VII

Purely Personal: I took out my Now Club Certificate. A good look at it! Sorta proud of it! It represents the largest single subscription I have ever made to the Cause of Christ—local church or denominational. Felt happy when completed first annual payment. Really joyful this month when completed second annual payment. That puts on it two neat seals—Honesty—Loyalty. I expect to be downright, upright and outright hilarious when qualify for the last seal—Victory.

I remember how happy I was when I completed paying my 75 Million Campaign pledge.

If you didn't pay yours, how are you going to square up with the Lord?

Don't be regretful and wistful about the Now Club when it is over.

Some folks are very "religious" about "promising" to the Lord. It was not so in the "good old-fashioned days."

The Psalmist says "I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people." Psalm 116:14.

The Word of God commands, "Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most high."

The Word of God speaks sharply, "When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed." Ecc. 5:4.

Mississippi Baptists will really have a great Victory Convention celebration about three years from now.

"Owe no man anything."

VIII

STATE MISSIONS: Here comes one of the finest spirited pastors we know asking for revival date, when we had all the revivals we can hold in 1941 dated weeks ago.

He cries out for stronger help for the country churches.

Their needs cannot be met from offices. God forgive us!

Nor, can their needs be met through the mails!

There are several ways in which Mississippi Baptists may help us reach the country churches.

First, plan association-wide evangelistic or enlistment campaigns.

Second, pile no more non-essential responsibilities on this office.

Third, pray for us and for the people.

And, there are other ways of helpfulness.

IX

Most of you are conversant with the fact that we have a daily prayer meeting for those who work in these offices at 9 a. m., Monday through Friday. These meetings are in the office of the W. M. U. Department. Saturday morning, field workers, office helpers, and department heads meet in the office of your Secretary. Therefore, if you phone this office from 9:00-9:30 on Saturday morning you may be unable to get us for about twenty minutes.

BR

Dr. T. W. Young for over 19 years pastor of First Church, Corinth, Miss., offered his resignation to the church on Sunday, June 29, to be effective as soon as the church can secure his successor. The church was to consider the matter Sunday, July 6. We have not heard with what result. Dr. Young is a native of Tennessee, an alumnus of Union University and of the Southern Seminary. He was pastor for several years of First Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan. He has held prominent and responsible positions in the counsels of the denomination. He was for many years a useful and active member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and a member of the Executive Committee. We hope he may choose to continue making his home in Mississippi. We have counted him long a close and valued friend. We wish for him continued usefulness in whatever field the Lord shall choose for him.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profit may appear to ALL." Our Moto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

Hammett Gets 'Em

Rev. J. H. Hammett, Mississippi College student, believes the Baptist Record is a real help to a pastor. And he is a "DOER" and not a "hearer" only.

Not long ago he brought in a nice subscription list from Wellman Church in Lincoln County, then Valley Park in Issaquena County. Last week was his regular Sunday at Beulah Church in Choctaw County. He asked how many took a daily or weekly paper. Nine hands were raised. But when he asked how many took The Record only one hand went up. He then suggested that they should have at least as many Record subscribers as secular paper subscribers. He suggested that they should have at least ten. And ten is what he brought in. We want more Hammetts.

Pontotoc

Pastor Hilburn grows stronger with the Pontotoc people, year by year. Stopping for a few minutes we found him teamed with Secretary McCall and Fred Scofield in one of their best meetings in years.

Pontotoc county now has Record readers listed as follows: CHERRY CREEK 42; Ecru 2; Furrs 1; LONGVIEW 35; Pontotoc 53; Rt. 4, Pontotoc 1; Randolph 1; Toccopola 31; Troy 1; Turnpike 1; New Prospect 5; THAXTON 24.

Holly Springs

Among the happy Mississippi Baptist pastors is Rev. E. L. Byrd of Holly Springs. And why not? The work there was never more prosperous.

They recently closed a good Vacation Bible School with Mrs. W. C. Sandusky as principal.

C. E. Collins, Sunday School superintendent, thinks they have the best Sunday School in all that section. The W. M. U. led by Mrs. H. D. Walker is going in high gear and Miss Virginia Collins is equally proud of the B. T. U.

They are to have Rev. A. B. Pierce of Crystal Springs in a meeting in August. This is their second meeting this year. Chester Swor was with them last spring.

As they have the EVERY FAMILY Plan we were not surprised that they have already partially reached their Now Club quota.

Marshall County's Record readers are listed as follows: BYHALIA 27; CLEAR CREEK 8; HOLLY SPRINGS 107; Pleasant Hill 1; PLEASANT GROVE 14; Slayden 2; CAREY CHAPEL 12.

Water Valley

Pastor W. C. Howard is highly pleased at the Water Valley outlook. Not only do the crowds attend in large numbers on Sunday (and at night) but also on prayer meeting nights.

One member of the church told us of the fine work being done by and for the young people.

Yalabusha County has subscribers listed as follows: Coffeeville 12; Rt. 4. Coffeeville 1; NEW HOPE 13; OAKLAND 18; R. F. D. Pine Valley 1; Scobey 4; Spring Hill 1; Sylvarena 11; WATER VALLEY 111; WAYSIDE 6; Elam 5.

Walnut Sets Good Example

Dear Bro. Goodrich:

We have decided to let our boys who have gone from our church know we are remembering them by sending The Record to them. So please add to our Every Family list the enclosed names.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Verner Luna,
Walnut Baptist Church.

More Churches Come In

Among recent churches adopting the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan are Quentin, Franklin County; Gallman; Zion Hill, Forest County; 38th Avenue, Hattiesburg; Sebastopol, Old Pearl Valley, Neshoba County; Wake Forest, Okfuskee; Mars Hill, Forrest County; Union, Rankin County; Sunrise, Leake County.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

OUR STATE OFFICERS

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, Miss.
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Dear President and Friend:

DO YOU KNOW THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DATES JULY 18-19?

Those are the dates set for registration of all the people of Mississippi between the ages of 16-65.

DO YOU KNOW THE PURPOSE OF THIS REGISTRATION?

The purpose is to find out what our people are doing and what they can do. In this way we can build up a vast pool of human resources which could be drawn upon for the common defense.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU AND THE MEMBERS OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY CAN DO TO MAKE REGISTRATION A SUCCESS?

You can

- (1) Register.
- (2) Urge others to register.

(3) Enlist with the County Placement Chairman (County Superintendent of Education) as an interviewer or registrar.

DO YOU KNOW WHY I AM WRITING TO YOU?

Because I believe you can be depended upon to give full and complete cooperation to the County Placement Chairman and his committee in the important task of Civilian Registration. I urge you to see that every member of the Woman's Missionary Society receive information concerning registration.

Very sincerely yours,
Mrs. Ned Rice, President,
Woman's Missionary Union.

The Royal Ambassador camps are history now! We are grateful to all who helped to make them the great success they were. Particularly would I mention the camp pastors and the five helpers and the camp director. We have never had a finer group helping in camps! The personnel of speakers and helpers in all the camps were these:

Camp Director—Ivyloy Bishop.

Speakers and helpers:

Albert Craighead, Rumania.

Eugene Craighead, Rumania.

David Mein, Brazil.

Adolfo Robletto, Nicaragua.

R. M. Williams, Meridian, Mississippi.

Dr. F. C. Goerner, S. B. T. S., Louisville, Kentucky.

Dr. W. E. Craighead, Rumania.

Dr. J. F. Plainfield, Home Board Missionary to Italians.

Dan Tilden, Cherokee Indian.

There was evidence of much prayer and effort. God heard and answered prayers during those days.

The record of churches and attendance follows (for Junior R. A. Camp):

Districts 1 and 2—Camp pastor, Dr. N. D. Timmerman, Clarksdale; attendance, 65 and 45; place of camp, Castalian Springs, Durant.

District 3—Camp pastor, Rev. J. W. T. Siler, Calhoun City; attendance, 40; place of camp, University, Oxford.

District 4—Camp pastor, Dr. B. B. Hilburn, Pontotoc; attendance, 104; place of camp, Tombigbee Park, Tupelo.

District 5—Camp pastor, Rev. Niles Puckett, Brooksville; attendance, 51; place of camp, Chocaw Lake, Ackerman.

District 6—Camp pastor, Rev. W. L. Meadows, Quitman; attendance, 66; place of camp, Clarkco Camp, Quitman.

District 7—Camp pastor, Rev. W. L. Day, Pasca-goula; attendance, 41; place of camp, Brooklyn A. H. S.

District 8—Camp pastor, Rev. W. L. Holcomb, Prentiss; attendance, 36; place of camp, Summit Junior College.

The State Intermediate R. A. Camp was held at Castalian Springs, Durant, with the Rev. Edward

Byrd of Holly Springs as camp pastor. Attendance follows:

	Attendance	Churches
District 1	29	7
District 2	10	3
District 3	5	2
District 4	19	4
District 5	0	—
District 6	8	5
District 7	7	1
District 8	5	2

Including all speakers and helpers, the total attendance for all of the District Junior R. A. Camps was 529.

—Edwina Robinson,
State Young People's Secretary.

Impressions of Camps

As I look back over the six summers of camps in Mississippi, I am led to say that the camps this summer have definitely been the best we have experienced during these years. The spirit in all the camps seemed to have been on the highest plane. I was especially impressed with the State Intermediate camp. We had a combination of a fine group of workers with a swell bunch of fellows to make a week that will stand out in my memory as one of the mountain-top experiences of my life. The district Junior camps were equally as fine, lacking only the imperative challenge of the teen-age boys of the State Camp.

Time only will tell the complete results of the inspiration and information the boys obtained in these camps. We are to see their impact in years to come, upon the men of our churches and the missionary zeal of our denomination. Some of the immediate results are seen in the fact that one hundred and forty boys made profession of faith in Christ as Saviour for the first time in these camps.

Ivyloy Bishop, R. A. Field Worker.

Every pastor in the Southern Baptist Convention should attend at least one Royal Ambassador Camp during his ministry. Why? So that his eyes might be opened to the possibilities and responsibilities found in boys who comprise the R. A.

You talk about the "darkness of the hour," and "no hope for the future"! Well, if you had attended an R. A. camp in Mississippi this summer you would be running over with hope, and looking for a bright future. For the leaders of tomorrow are interested in missions; in boys of other nations, and other colors; and, they are interested in sending and taking Christ to them.

In the camps we had the privilege of leading boys to Christ! And, of seeing others accept Him! And, what a thrill in seeing them stand, and with their own mouths give a testimony for Christ. Nothing is more thrilling!

Mississippi Baptists and Southern Baptists should not fear the future if they invest their time and money in the promotion of the R. A. work.

—David Mein, Brazil.

It is about as hard to look back on the eight fine R. A. camps as it was to look ahead at the beginning. Then, each member of the staff felt a tremendous responsibility and need for God's help. Now, God's blessing has been so abundant that the month spent with the boys in the different camps ranks among the richest months of my life. I am sure that every counselor feels that he has been working hand in hand with God Almighty in the important task of molding lives for Him.

Outstanding in my mind is the great beginning. R. A. spirit reached its climax right in the first camp and was maintained throughout. I was impressed by the choice of counselors for the boys. It was a blessing to everybody to see such a large

THE ONE-TIME LAND OF CHARM

(Foreign Mission Board)—Spain, the country whose very name used to suggest music and gaiety and beauty, is now a land of hunger and suffering and oppression. Impoverished by its recent civil war, bowed beneath the burden of an autocratic Catholicism, its glory has departed, its people are disheartened, its future looks dark. But God, who never forgets His children in their sorrow and need, is causing "all things to work together for good," and is opening new doors of opportunity in that land. A recent letter from Rev. Samuel Vila bears the following good news

"A revival campaign was arranged in Madrid in connection with my visit. The hall seating some three hundred was packed night after night during the week that ended Sunday, May 11. In the morning we had Sunday school classes and a conference.... The evening service began with a prayer meeting, as people came more than one hour in advance in order to get a seat. The message was on: "The Love that Sent Jesus to the Cross." Before the last hymn fifteen souls had responded to the wonderful love of Jesus, by standing and expressing with tears their decision of being His disciples. It was a day of joy indeed. A baptism service with ten candidates had been postponed a fortnight in order to let me have all the time free for the revival. This service was celebrated last Sunday, and now a new group—these fifteen and others—are attending the weekly classes of preparation for membership in the church."

number of workers 100% for Christ. No discipline seemed necessary in the camps. The boys felt that they shared the camps with Christ and acted accordingly. The director and his helpers did a good job of being R. A.'s too.

Every camp had only one complaint: that three days are not enough. This seemed to be the unanimous verdict of all the boys.

One of the greatest joys of the counselors was to see the change that the camp brought about in the boys. Many would come to camp tired of summer and play, with nothing to do. We wondered if they could be "Honor Campers," so full of life, new hopes, and desires, and with missions now their hobby and responsibility. But, how it thrilled our hearts to see them grow even so, during camp days.

The greatest and richest experiences were the lives that found a Pilot for their life. Boys by the scores fell in love with Christ—the Perfect Man, and Son of God. Counselors had time to lead them individually to Christ and they counted it a priceless privilege. The camp pastors were not only important but also indispensable. Hundreds of boys changed the "Reverend" to "Pal," after swimming, boxing, ball-playing, and such. This new relationship of pastor-boy is worth months of expense and effort. The mission study book taught the boys to enjoy a book and to study it at the same time.

I shall always thank the Lord that He permitted me to help in the R. A. camps in Mississippi.

—Albert Craighead, Rumania.

Baptist Bible Institute

Semi-Annual Interest Amount Due This Time
Is \$3,262.50

PRAY WITH US AND HELP US

July 31st Is the Last Day

Send Any Amount To
President W. W. Hamilton
1220 Washington Avenue — New Orleans, La.

TYLERTOWN

We have just closed one of the greatest revivals in our history. All of the revivals here have been good ones and many of them very good ones, but this one was extra for many reasons. We had Dr. J. D. Grey of the First Baptist Church, New Orleans, with us for seven or eight days and he brought the Pauline doctrine and the Christine doctrine. He is a most interesting preacher and has a flow of language that is most inspiring, and holds his congregation to the last word. He is pleasant and happy in his delivery. He is Christian all the way, and his discourses were most engaging. Large crowds filled the church at night and every chair was brought in and all the Sunday School rooms were filled.

Dr. Grey is 34 years of age and is used of the denomination in a great way at home and away from home! Many states call for him.

Brother Elmer Bearden, a student at Mississippi College and one of our boys, led the music and did it most creditably. He was a great help to us. Many of the preachers of the county came. One night we had 12 and they rendered assistance in a great way.

I have baptized 15 and two others await the ordinance and others are expected to follow. Some of the most earnest pleas for the lost that we ever heard were made with wonderful effect.

Our Daily Vacation Bible School was a success. It was largely attended and enjoyed by something like a hundred people. They called for another one next year. All of the pastors in the county are having their Bible Schools now and just a little later. We have a fine set of ministers and they all are kingdom builders in a most constructive way.

This pastor preached three commencement sermons, two for the white and one for the colored people. The colored was the occasion of ten Negro preachers who had finished a course at the Union Theological Seminary but the sermon was preached in Magnolia because they lived near there. Mrs. Cooper and I went down and I preached for them to a large crowd.

W. R. Cooper.

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OLIVE BRANCH D. V. B. S.

The Baptist church has just completed a very successful D. V. B. S. and revival.

Each morning was entirely given to Bible School activities under the leadership of the pastor, assisted by ten helpers, Mesdames Flinn, Brower, Seago, Nowell, Payne, Haraway, Merrill, Henley and Misses Henleys.

There was an average attendance of 80. School closed with picnic lunch and recreational games.

On Friday night the young people gave a very interesting program before church services. Singing was conducted by Jayne Haraway. At the close of the service every one was invited into the new Sunday School rooms where the articles made were on exhibit. They bore evidence of the teaching received in the school.

Our pastor, Brother Millican, did the preaching at night. His messages were very inspiring and helpful. There were several additions to the church by baptism—Reporter.

THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST NOW CLUB

FRANK E. SKILTON, General Chairman

A PROGRAM OF PERSEVERANCE

AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Pastors and Now Club Choirmen:

The intensification phase of the Now Club which closed Tuesday is a success. (See page 9 of the Baptist Record of July 10.) The follow-through phase has begun, and will continue until every bond is paid and burned—three years if necessary.

Victory will crown our efforts in the follow-through phase also. It will not be easy; but it will be certain with the renewing and the re-dedicating of your God-given talents of leadership. Thus will this debt invasion be repelled even as England is repelling the hordes of Huns attempting to despoil the "tight little isle."

As churches continue weekly and monthly to complete their goals, momentum will mount and surge to victory will swell. Success means an all-out effort, and an all-out effort means success.

A half-million dollar emergency confronts Mississippi Baptists. We cannot "piddle" with such a monumental task. This bonded debt is a cancer on our denomination in Mississippi. You cannot remove a cancer with a corn plaster. It cannot be massaged away. The more it is massaged the more it spreads. A CANCER MUST BE CUT OUT. We must cut out this cancer of debt with cash—cash raised through prayer,

Total Reported to July 15
On The Now Club
\$206,534

Considerably more has been raised and has not been reported. Hundreds of churches that have not pledged plan to PAY their entire goals this fall from crop returns.

consecration, information, work and Pauline leadership.

The accomplishment of this gigantic debt-ridding task will go down in Mississippi Baptist history as the Great Mississippi Revival—a revival of courage, a revival of faith, a revival of works, which will lead to a spiritual surge and greater achievements in evangelism, state missions, home missions, foreign missions, and all other branches of our denominational program.

Try to put your churches over the top as soon as possible. Set November 2 as a focal date to have your church goal pledged, with as much cash as possible. Thus we can announce its victory at the meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention November 11.

You are the leadership. A faithful fellowship will back you up. God bless you, carry on, keep the banner high and your hearts courageous.

Only thus can we greet eternity with a shout.

Yours in His service,
FRANK E. SKILTON,
General Chairman.

Mississippi Baptist Now Club.
The following churches reported completion of their goals in the Mississippi Baptist Now Club last week:

JEFFERSON DAVIS ASSOCIATION: Carson, C. S. Moulder, Van Yates, Mrs. Clyde Nelson. KEMPER ASSOCIATION: Scooba, Judson M. Cook, H. G. Hawkins, Mrs. Annie Mae Kavanaugh. NEWTON ASSOCIATION: Carl-Venable, C. B. Hamlett, III, F. B. Gaines, Mrs. Grady Henton. WAYNE ASSOCIATION: Mt. Zion, J. I. Hill, Mrs. C. P. Gilbert. HINDS-WARREN: Parkway, W. A. Bell, W. R. Jeffries, Mrs. W. D. McKenzie. COPIAH ASSOCIATION: Antioch, E. L. Howell, Mr. and Mrs. T. U. Bufkin. PEARL RIVER ASSOCIATION: Spring Hill, V. C. Walker, Mrs. Bill Reed. NESHOBIA ASSOCIATION: Linwood, R. K. Corder, L. E. Cliburn, Mrs. Luther Ashmore. CLARKE: Oak Grove, D. L. Harrison, J. E. Ivy, Mrs. B. R. Tyler. NEWTON: Union, L. B. Cobb, Ralph Grady, Mrs. George R. Kelley. COPIAH: Bethel, M. J. Jones, J. Marcus Beasley, Mrs. Mattie Cliburn. New Providence, H. L. Byrd, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Mullen. Pleasant Hill, H. L. Byrd, R. L. Thetford, Mrs. J. M. Lesling.

PREACHING TO COLORED BRETHREN

Dr. B. Frank Smith of Lyon was recently asked to preach on the opening night of a five-day celebration of the Liberty Baptist Church, Negro, in Lyon, commemorating their seventy-sixth anniversary. At the close of the Civil War, more than a hundred Negroes, former slaves, held membership in the Lyon (then Sunflower) Church. They were granted letters to form a church of their own, and until they could erect a building they held services in the parent church two Sunday afternoons per month, the white pastor, one Rev. Mr. Barksdale, preaching. A Mr. Fuller in the church offered to supplement the pastor's salary \$200 for this service, of which the Negroes themselves paid \$125. Charles Balentine, licensed in 1866, was the first Negro pastor.

While observing all the necessary conventions to preserve the separate integrity of each race, we will do well to remember that there are no racial lines in the Kingdom of God. Nothing more patriotic can be done, and nothing more far-reaching in its future bearing on the welfare of both races in America, than to help our Negro fellow-Christians develop a virile and sane Christian culture. They are essentially a Baptist group, insofar as they are Christian at all, and white Baptists must help them achieve the abundant life as it is in Christ Jesus, or see a cheap imitation thrust upon them by socialist groups in America. The attitude of Christ toward every needy group

ABOUT MT. ZION

Beginning Sunday, June the twenty-ninth, Rev. James Thorn of Price-
dale, Miss., conducted a five-day re-
vival at Mt. Zion Baptist Church,
Osyka, Miss., Route No. 1. Two in-
spiring messages were delivered daily to large and appreciative congregations.

There were thirteen members added to the church. Those joining by profession of faith were Misses Lavel Varnado, Mary Magee, Jessica Talbert, Claude Beeson, Jr., Ray Lamar O'Quin, Winton Strickland, Eugene Rhodus and Chas. E. Magee. Additions by letter were Mrs. Dean Strickland, Mrs. G. J. Simmons, Misses Erma and Minnie Mae Strickland and Mr. Hollis Varnado.

On Thursday night after the services, conference was called. Rev. James Thorn was elected unanimously as pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church for the remainder of the year.

A B. Y. P. U. study course will be held at the church some time during August.

Since the revival renewed interest has been manifested in the different organizations of the church.

Mrs. O. M. Simmons,
Church Treasurer.

was one of compassion, "as sheep having no shepherd." In this, as in all other matters of practical experience, let us heed His injunction to "follow thou me."

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Subscribe to The Baptist Record.

WHY THEY DO IT
J. E. Dillard

Some years ago when the Baptist Bible Institute was in sore need of extra money to pay interest I asked several members of our church to join me in making a special offering. They did it; they continue doing it; they delight to do it. Can you guess the reason?

Well, because the Baptist Bible Institute needed the money so much and asked for it so graciously; and because the Baptist Bible Institute was and is doing such a superlatively fine job preparing worthy young men and women for Christian service; and because these young people put their education and religion to such practical use in preaching and teaching and singing the gospel in the great city of New Orleans and elsewhere; and because the Baptist Bible Institute is now meeting all obligations promptly and hopes to be out of debt by 1945; and because President Hamilton writes such a beautiful note of thanks and appreciation to everyone who helps.

The Baptist Bible Institute needs \$3,262.50 on July 31 to pay its semi-annual interest. Wouldn't it be great to pay all the interest due and also make a substantial payment upon the principal. (The total debt is now only \$145,000. It was \$353,000)?

Let every one who ever has helped do so again, and let all others who can help join in heartily and immediately. I am sending my check today to President W. W. Hamilton, Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, La.

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By
BRACEY CAMPBELL

Lesson for July 20
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CHURCH
Bible Texts:
1 Cor. 5:9-13; Titus 2:1-15

Introduction:

These lesson passages are both from Paul, but it seems to me to differ in that one of them consists of instructions given to a church in its corporate capacity and the other consists of instruction given to an individual. Let us look at them separately.

I. Two Points of Instruction to the Church. 1 Cor. 5:9-13.

1. A point of separation. Vv. 9-11.

"I wrote you in my epistle. This statement leads students of this epistle to the conclusion that Paul wrote to the Corinthians an epistle which has been lost. That is all right. Had God wanted it preserved, He would have found a way to preserve it. But God did want what Paul here says preserved, so it is here."

Here he tells the Corinthians that they are to separate themselves from fornicators, the sexually impure, the morally lax. He seems to regard irregularity in sexual relations, an absence of chastity in life as a source-sin from which a host of others may spring. If a man or woman be promiscuously immoral, you may expect to find in the same person covetousness, idolatry, a reviling spirit, drunkenness, and extortion, or any of these.

All of these sins will be found among the people who are lost. Idolators may be expected to be guilty of all these sins. If in the line of your duty in business or as a minister of mercy you are forced into contact with them, go ahead and discharge your business. But if the case of a man or woman who is guilty of any of these things be found in the church, withdraw from that case, have nothing to do with that one. He or she is to be expected to live a better life than those without.

2. A point in promiscuous judgment. Vv. 12, 13.

The church is not to undertake to regulate the conduct of people outside its fellowship. The church is not an institution for police regulation of the lives of all people. The preacher is not a police officer, the church is not to undertake to correct the bad habits and straighten the crooked lives of all and sundry. Some things must be left to the judgment of God. "Them that are without God judgeth." Let Him judge them.

II. Points of Instruction to the Preacher. Titus 2.

1. Points of sound doctrine. Vv. 1-6.

Take your Bible and read these verses over and again. What comment is needed here? Look at the classes of church members who need indoctrinating. Look what he considers sound doctrine. (a) "Aged men." What of them? They are not simply to know, but to be. "Sober, chaste, prudent." That means for him to keep his mouth shut when, by opening it in unconsidered

or unkind speech, he would say the foolish, hurtful thing. It means that, if some question of church or personal conduct comes up, it is better to stand right still for a while than to jump off into a mess— "sound in faith, in love, in patience." (b) "Aged women." Let them clothe themselves in modesty and refrain their tongues from chatter. The breath of loose-tongued, idle old women can blow more smoke from the least fire than any other sore of fetid wind in the world. But there is a further reason. The aged women can very profitably employ themselves in teaching young women things they ought to know. Run the list, stay the attention on each item. "Wise," means ordering their lives aright. "Discreet" means conducting themselves so as to, if at all possible, avoid making an appearance scandalous to the church. (c) "Young men." "Sober," temperate, self-controlled, yielding the control of the life to Christ.

2. A personal exhortation. Vv. 7, 8.

Live as you teach others to live. You need not say, "Watch me, and do as I do." Just go on and do right, and other people will watch you, never fear. This conduct upon your part will prove the strongest argument in the world for the reality and worth of Christianity. "He, who is on the contrary part," can never answer a consistent Christian life. That life is an argument which gets beyond the logic of the infidel. (d) "Slaves." What is here said as to slaves and what the Christian them ought to do strikes me as a strong assertion that Christianity can soften any situation and sanctify any depth of distress. If a slave, deprived of liberty of action and subject to the will of another can nevertheless attain and maintain a Christian attitude toward his master and the world, then Christianity is the master of any condition into which a man may conceivably be brought.

III. The Ground of This Practical Doctrine. Vv. 11-15.

Put the paper down, now and read these profound verses. Have you done it? What is the Grace of God? Look in your dictionary, your Bible dictionary. Now read Ephesians 2:8-10. The Grace of God is the love of God in action. The Grace of God is the love of God doing something for men. What men? "All men." That means all kinds of men and women, the scarlet woman at Jacob's well, and the chaste and cultured Lydia at Philippi; the brutal jailer of Philippi and the refined Nicodemus in Jerusalem. What is grace doing for men?

"Bringing salvation" to them. What is salvation? Well, it is the finest state or condition into which men are ever brought on this earth, because it is the only state or condition in which they are lifted out of the ordinary in this world and out of this world into the world of life and light and glory beyond this one.

But it not only brings the salvation of justification to these lost men, but it also teaches them.

"Instructing us," teaching us, what to deny, to eschew, to avoid: "ungodliness and world desires," worldly lusts, avoiding every form of ungodliness, and nothing will so surely secure this as the suppression of worldly desires.

"Instructing us" also how to live. "Soberly, justly" (righteously),

ARMY CHIEF APPEALS TO BAPTISTS FOR HELP IN CAMPS

The Army Chief of Staff, General George C. Marshall, recognizes the need which Southern Baptists seek to meet through the \$300,000 Baptist Emergency Appeal for Religious Work in Camps and Communities. General Marshall appeals to Baptists and to all Christian people to do the very type of work contemplated by this offering.

"I wish to bring to your attention," said General Marshall, "two phases of the present situation which are troubling the War Department and for which the Department has no immediate remedy within its power.

"There are being established in many portions of the country, particularly in the South and Southeast, tremendous concentrations of troops. In order to provide adequate space for training, it has been necessary to locate these camps where extensive plots of land could be obtained at a reasonable price.

"Human nature being what it is, establishments for the purpose of selling liquor are becoming increasingly active in the communities adjacent to the camps, and in some communities there has been an influx of persons of questionable reputation. Here we have on the one side a sordid business for the accumulation of money, and on the other the interest of every parent in the United States who has a son in the Army, not to mention the responsibility of the War Department to develop an Army of the highest quality. This situation must be brought under control before it grows serious.

"It is in this field, in the communities in the vicinity of our concentration, that the War Department urgently desires the assistance of every welfare organization in the country. We can manage matters on the military reservations, but as I have said, we have little authority once the soldier goes to town."

"godly." When? Now! Right now! "In this world." I tell you, that means "NOW." Be temperate, now, here, today. "Justly," means righteously, and it means do right to your fellows, treat people right, and do it now, right now. "Godly," and to live godly means to live a life in which God gets recognition, a life of which God has control, a life lived in submission to Him, a life which seeks to find and follow the will of God. I joined the other members of a congregation this morning in singing, "Where He leads me I will follow, I'll go with Him all the way." Suddenly I stopped and said to myself, "Am I singing a lie?" Would I follow Him anywhere? Would you? Well, that is what a godly life is, one spent in following Him anywhere He goes.

Just look at the glorious hope held out to the people who follow this counsel. They look for the fruition of the blessed hope of the return of our Lord. He is coming back to them who wait and watch for His appearing. He is going to change these bodies of our humiliation into the likeness of His glorified body. He is going to purify us who wait for Him from all iniquity. He is going to come back and remove us from the presence of all sin, when He has wrought His righteous will with us on earth.

THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST

Have just closed an evangelistic campaign with Booneville Baptist Church. Brother Thompson is in his 13th year and going strong. He and his good wife are loved by their people. The entire spring and summer have been filled with engagements and on we go with no open dates before October. Part of that month is taken.

Have been putting the stress on building up the churches and stabilizing them for future service rather than large numbers added to the church. So many pastors seem to think that the need is not especially more members, but a deeper consciousness of responsibility on the part of those already in the church.

If I can be of service to any pastor of the state in his fall campaign, contact me at 1318 Hardy Street, Hattiesburg.

M. E. Perry, Evangelist.

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"The defense program has brought new problems to the churches of Newport News and adjacent communities. The population has almost doubled in the last few months. Housing units are being built for 3,000 new families. About twelve miles out of the city is a Training Camp with approximately 20,000 soldiers; eight miles in another direction is a flying field and military post with 20,000 service men. So far little has been done by those outside the camps for the moral and religious life of these men. The local churches are unable to cope with this challenging situation without outside aid."—Pastor F. W. Putney, Newport News, Va.

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There are always many things to encourage us in the Lord's work. One of these this year is that so many of our pastors, superintendents, teachers, and principals are passing on the word to us that their Vacation Bible schools of this year are in so many instances the best they have ever had.

Several things are contributing to this. Good planning, excellent literature, a fine, cooperative spirit on the part of all workers, an intense desire on the children's part, and the full knowledge of all the good things that result from these schools, are some of the reasons for such excellent work.

We are also having called to our attention from verbal and written reports the great number of our boys and girls who are making a profession of Christ in these schools. The vacation school is greatly contributing to the evangelistic opportunities of our churches. How we should capitalize on this vital time at the strategic period in the lives of our Junior and Intermediate boys and girls and use this and all other occasions for winning them to Jesus.

We thank all for the glowing words about your own Vacation Bible school. We only hope that even hundreds of churches will yet have a school this summer. July and August are great months for these schools. Don't lose this valuable privilege you have, but, remember, you have it only during May, June, July and August. May and June are gone, therefore all we have left for 1941 for this work is July and August, and they, too, will soon be gone.

Shall we come to the end of the summer and, as we think of the Vacation Bible school, have to say, "the summer is gone; the harvest is past, and we have had no school for our boys and girls." How sad and tragic that will be. And, yet, many will have to say it. Are you?

Please Do!

Brother superintendent, we are running each week in the Baptist Record a column giving the Sunday school attendance for last Sunday.

For some time that list was a fine list of schools so reporting. But, it has come to a very small number that send in each week your attendance. We are so anxious to have a good long list of schools reporting each week, and fill the entire column.

Now, then, won't you please see to it that the attendance of your school is sent in each week? Use a penny postal card and merely put on it the name of the school and the attendance last Sunday. Send it Sunday afternoon or Monday morning. Mail it to The Baptist Record, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

We shall so much appreciate this favor, and it will help all of us. No matter what your attendance is, send it in for the Record. Thank you kindly for doing this.

Take a Census

Some churches have not had a religious census in many years. In

FORK UNION MILITARY ACADEMY FINALS

Dr. John J. Wicker, president of Fork Union Military Academy, reports the finest year in the forty-three years' history of the school.

Virginia Baptists own Fork Union and are justly proud of its record.

The enrollment during the past session was 425, coming from twenty-seven states and representing seventeen different religious denominations.

Dr. J. W. Cammack, former president of Averett College for nine years, is a Bible teacher, and every cadet is required to take the Bible, attend daily chapel, vespers and Sunday school.

Christian character is of the first consideration at Fork Union Military Academy, which has been, for the eleventh time designated this year as an Honor School by the United States War Department.

There were 131 in the graduating class at the recent commencement, and the enrollment for next session is far in excess of any corresponding period.

Nine different units have been added to the building equipment in the last ten years, and a new, up-to-date additional dormitory of 100 rooms, with hot and cold water in every room, fireproof and modern in every respect will be ready with the opening of next session, September 20, 1941.

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S. S. AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

	SS	BTU
Calvary (Jackson)	807	136
Jackson First	785	225
West Laurel	406	164
Crystal Springs	269	88
Cross Roads-Webster	30	
Bethlehem-Jones	93	84

the summer months many revivals are held. A census is a good thing any time of the year; but it can be worth so much to the meeting if we have the names and addresses of all the lost people in the community.

Therefore, take your census this summer, and before the meeting. Cards for this purpose can be secured from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, for \$1.25 per thousand. Find the folk—then see them definitely for Jesus' sake. When we know who and where they are, we can do more for them, because it takes indefiniteness out of the work and substitutes therefor personal and vital contact work.

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A feature of the Home Mission Conference at Ridgecrest August 3-8 will be daily Bible study each morning led by Dr. W. T. Conner of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.



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OUR BOYS—CARRY CHRIST TO OUR CAMPS

The need of carrying Christ to our camps is the greatest mission challenge Southern Baptists have faced in a generation.

Responding to the emergency of this need Southern Baptists have launched an emergency appeal for religious work in camps and communities, adopted the campaign slogan, "Carry Christ to our Camps," and set a goal of \$300,000 to be raised for this emergency on Sunday, July 27.

Concentration of over a million and a quarter of men in training camps, more than half of them located in some seventy-five camps in the south, constitutes a mission opportunity both in the camps and in the communities adjacent to them challenging the immediate attention of Southern Baptists.

First, at the annual Convention meeting in Birmingham in May the Convention authorized a campaign to be outlined by the Home Mission Board, the state secretaries and the administrative committee of the executive committee.

With a speed prompted by the emergency of the matter, the state secretaries made careful surveys of the camps and of the need in each state and, the results of their survey in hand, met at the call of Dr. J. B. Lawrence in Nashville, Tennessee, June 10. Every state was represented either by the state secretary or by someone sent in his stead.

Each state secretary gave the number of camps in his state, the number of men in the camps, a statement about the communities outside and contiguous to the camps and the minimum amount of money needed to meet these needs. The total goal of \$300,000 for the offering was thus reached.

Typical of the attitude of the state representatives attending this meeting was the statement of one who said that the needs in his state were small, but that the Baptists of the state would want to have a large part in the offering. "This is a southwide effort to serve our boys in the camps," he said, "and while we do not need much in my state, still we want in on the program to

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The religious interests of more than a half million boys in army and navy camps throughout the South is the vital concern of every Baptist. Fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, relatives—and who among the five million Southern Baptists is not included in that classification?—will anxiously seek to have a part in keeping the religious fires burning in the hearts of these sons and brothers.

To do this money will be needed—\$300,000 needed now—needed on July 27. This money will provide equipment, workers, church houses in strategic locations near the camps. Only by this emergency offering can Southern Baptists face the emergency created through the building of seventy-five camps in our territory in the massing of hundreds of thousands of people into camp communities.

"Our whole denomination is yoked up in this undertaking," says Dr. Lawrence. "The Home Mission Board, State Boards of Missions, churches and the pastors working together, as they are, can meet this emergency. We face right now no greater task than this."

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THE CHILDREN'S CIRCLE

MRS. FRANCES LIPSEY STEELE

(Address all communications to Mrs. Frances Steele, Magee, Miss.)

My dear children,
I believe we received this week the first report from a member of our Daily Bible Reader's League. I'm as proud of it as I can be. Annie Louise Duke says she has kept up her daily Bible reading regularly. That is the way to do. It doesn't do much good to begin a practise unless we keep it up. I'm certainly going to send her one of the Bible reading outlines even if I should have to send her the one I use. I really think she deserves one. Congratulations to her for forming an excellent habit that if continued will be a blessing to her all of her life. We are full of thanks, too, to the Primary Sunday School class of the McLain Baptist Church and to the Intermediate girls of the Plantersville Sunday School for sending contributions to our Children's Circle causes. We would not fail to thank the teachers who wrote for their classes and who lead in their good work. We have generally found it true that when young folk are working faithfully that there is an older one helping and inspiring. A card from Lorene Massey promises (well, not exactly promises, but very nearly) that if she sees her message in the C. C. this time that she will write again. So it is up to her now! We have really been missing the letters from Miss Leta Mae Lupo, therefore her letter is especially welcome. She encloses a generous contribution which she says is part of her egg money. That is one advantage of eggs going up in price. It gives these faithful ones who tithe and give offerings from the proceeds of their sales more to give. And by the way, if any of you have the song that Miss Leta Mae asks for, I know you'd be glad to send her a copy of it.

I am trying another "Guess my Name" this week. I trust we will receive some answers to it. I'm giving you the answers to our "Family Puzzle" of the June 26th issue. Was it too hard?

With love,
Mrs. Frances Steele

BIBLE STUDY Stories from the Lives of Bible Heroes

Elijah and Ahaziah

Ahaziah, the son of Ahab, was king of Israel and he did wickedly as his father had done. One day he fell through the lattice in an upper room and was hurt and made sick. He sent messengers to Baal-zebul, the idol of the Philistines to ask whether he would get well of this sickness.

The angel of the Lord spoke to Elijah, saying, "Go to meet the messengers of Ahaziah and say to them, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-zebul, the God of the Philistines? Now, therefore, the Lord says that Ahaziah shall not rise from the bed on which he lies, but he shall surely die.'"

Elijah met the messengers and spoke to them the words which God had commanded. They returned to Ahaziah and he asked, "Why have you come back so soon?" They answered "There came to meet us a man of God who said 'Go back to Ahaziah and tell him that because he sent to ask of the idol Baal-zebul that he shall not rise from the bed on which he lies, but he shall surely die.'" Then the king asked the messengers, "What sort of looking man was it who spoke to you?" And they answered, "He was a hairy man and he wore a leather girdle about his waist." Ahaziah knew then that it was Elijah and he was displeased.

He sent a captain of his army with fifty soldiers to take Elijah and bring him to the king. They went and found Elijah sitting on the top of a hill. The captain called to him and said, "Man of God, the king orders you to come down." Elijah answered, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and burn you up

and your fifty men." And there came down fire from heaven and burned up the captain and the fifty men with him.

Ahaziah sent another captain with fifty men, and he came to Elijah and called to him saying, "Man of God, the king commands you to come down quickly." Elijah answered, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and burn you up and the fifty men who are with you." Then fire came down from heaven and burned up the captain and his fifty men. Then Ahaziah sent a third captain with fifty men to bring Elijah to him, but when he came to the place where Elijah was he fell on his face before Elijah and said, "O man of God, I pray you, save my life and the lives of these fifty men, your servants. Do not let fire come down from heaven and burn us up as it burned up the two captains and their men who were here before us."

The angel of the Lord said to Elijah, "Go with him. Do not be afraid." So Elijah went with him to the king, and said to the king, "Because you sent messengers to inquire of Baal-zebul, the idol of the Philistines, instead of sending to me, the God of Israel, you shall die." And Ahaziah died, as the Lord spoke through his prophet Elijah, and Ahaziah's brother was made king over Israel.

Guess My Name

1. I am the daughter of Bethuel.
2. I drew water for all of the camels of Abraham's servant and offered him a room to lodge in.
3. I am the mother of twin sons, Jacob and Esau.
4. I helped Jacob deceive his father so he could receive Esau's birthright and blessing.

Guess my name.

Starkville, Mississippi
July 1, 1941

Dear Mrs. Steele,

Here it is the first of July and I am just now writing to the circle. Our 4-H Club is having an ice cream supper the fourth of July.

Mrs. Steele, will you please send me a pamphlet. I have been reading my Bible every day. I did not get a pamphlet when I first joined the D. B. R. L. I go to B. Y. P. U. every Sunday night and to Sunday School and preaching when I can. I will be in the ninth grade at the Starkville school next year. I am sorry I waited so long to write. Next time I'll write sooner.

Love,

Annie Louise Duke.

Annie Louise, I'm glad to receive this report from one of our first members of the Daily Bible Reader's League, and I'm going to make a special effort to get a Bible reading outline for you, even if I am out of them now. I hope you continue in this good habit of daily Bible reading.—F. L. S.

Plantersville, Mississippi

July 3, 1941

Dear Mrs. Steele,

We are sending one dollar for the orphanage. We have a savings bank in our Sunday School room. This is the first money that we have used out of it.

Sincerely yours,

Intermediate Girls.

Evelyn Filpot, Elizabeth Kelly, Mittie Lou Harris, Jacqueline Harris, Mary Bess McFatridge, Josephine McVay, Willie Lou Partlow; Mrs. B. M. Estes, teacher.

Mrs. Estes and girls, the C. C. surely feels honored to be the first to reap the benefit of your savings bank. We appreciate your interest and the gift. May you continue to prosper and serve.—F. L. S.

Hazlehurst, Mississippi

July 6, 1941. Rt. 1

My dear Mrs. Steele,

I just wonder what you and the

dear old Record are doing by this time. I haven't had the pleasure of reading the Record this year. I surely do miss it but just could not renew. I do sincerely hope you and the family and the circle readers are all well. Mrs. Steele, I am sending part of my little egg money to you to use as you see fit. I don't know what you are doing this year although I do know you are doing good work.

There is a song I used to hear my father sing so much. It was in his song book and it was burned when our house burned. I can't remember the heading of the song but here are some of the words in it, "Into the tent where a gypsy boy lay. Dying alone at the close of the day, News of salvation they carried, Said he 'Nobody ever has told it to me.'" If you have it or know where I can get it I will surely appreciate it. You can send it to me. You use the little money as you see fit and don't forget me and my loved ones in your prayers.

With love,
Leta Mae Lupo.

Miss Leta Mae, we have been missing you from the Children's Circle. You are certainly very kind to use some of your egg money to help the C. C. causes. We shall divide it and give half to the orphanage and half to our B. B. I. scholarship. Thank you, greatly. I think I have heard of the song which you mention, but I do not know it or where it might be found. Perhaps some of the readers of the C. C. will send it to you.—F. L. S.

Hattiesburg, Mississippi
July 7, 1941

Dear Mrs. Steele,

This is the second time for me to write to the C. C. We live about one and one-half miles from our church. The name of our church is the Macedonia Church. I go to Sunday School almost every Sunday. My teacher is Mrs. Lonie Lee.

I will be in the tenth grade at school next year. I am five feet four and a half inches tall and have brown hair and blue eyes. My birthday is December 30. Have I a twin? I am looking forward to seeing my short letter in the Record. Will write more next time.

Your friend,

Lorene Massey.

Lorene, we are glad that you wrote again. We'd like to have you as one of our regular C. C. members.—F. L. S.

McLain, Mississippi
July 7, 1941

Dear Mrs. Steele,

Inclosed you will find one dollar: fifty cents for the Orphanage and fifty cents for our B. B. I. girl. This is from the Primary S. S. class of McLain Baptist Church, McLain, Mississippi.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Daisy Henderson, teacher.

To these fine Primary boys and girls, and to their faithful teacher who is leading as well as teaching, we are deeply grateful. Thank you, everyone. It will be a pleasure to divide your gift as you request.—F. L. S.

Answers to Family Puzzle of
June 26, 1941

1. Adam, Eve, Cain, Abel, Seth, 2. Noah's family, 3. Abraham, 4. Jacob, 5. Joseph, 6. Moses, 7. Egyptians, 8. Jephthah, 9. Ruth, 10. Hannah, 11. Eli, 12. David and Solomon, 13. Lemuel, 14. Job, 15. Rachabites, 16. Samson, John the Baptist, Jesus, 17. Timothy, 18. God.

BR—

A little girl was taken to the zoo by her father. They stood before the lion's cage, and her father explained how strong and fierce lions are and how in the wilds they attack and devour human beings. She looked at them thoughtfully, and then she asked, "Daddy, if one of them got out of his cage and ate you up, what number bus would I have to take to get home?"

"Two miles from Lawton, Okla., is located Fort Sill, the largest Artillery School in the U. S. Army, with 25,000 men at the Fort besides the families of many of them who have come to live here. The government has several recreation halls in Fort Sill where the men are privileged to come for all kinds of games. These centers are where religious services are held, also. The chaplain is the key to the situation inside the Fort, and our best opportunity to reach the men in the armed forces is through the chaplains, by distribution of Baptist literature and good books. Thousands interested in the soldiers live in communities adjacent to the camp and there is no group which have among them some in greater need, not only for the gospel of our Christ, but in many instances for the necessities of life. Baptists have a great opportunity for service in these over-crowded, unchurched communities."—Pastor Oren C. Reid, Lawton, Okla.

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Our State Training Union Convention will meet with the Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo, Miss., November 19-21. Draw a red ring around this date and begin now to make your plans to attend.

Two More Good Books

Young people will be glad to have the privilege of reading the new book by O. T. Binkley, Professor of Bible, Wake Forest College, N. C., FRONTIERS FOR CHRISTIAN YOUTH. This is a group of short biographical sketches of three of the greatest missionaries, William Carey, Adoniram Judson and Luther Rice. Frontiers of China, Africa and Europe, Latin America, the Near East, and Japan are discussed. The price is within the reach of all, 50c in paper and 75c in cloth at the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss.

Intermediates will find the new new book for them, WORLD AIRWAYS FOR THE KING. This book is

HELP OUR NEGROES

Just came from Quitman where I saw Brother Meadows and some of those fine workers from his church putting on a Vacation Bible School for Negroes in Quitman. My! My! What a bunch! 112 of them in that small negro school house. But what an inspiration and a challenge!

How they did join in on the salutes to the flag and Bible. How they did listen to the simple story of David as I had the privilege of looking into eager, deeply interested, glowing faces! How they entered into the discussion, and answered numerous questions. And they willingly entered into the firm resolve to kill the "Giants" of lying, stealing, backbiting and bad language!

Never have I gotten more inspiration, deeper interest, than in this afternoon's missionary endeavor by the Quitman Baptist Church (an EF church) led by one of God's greatest noblemen, and manned by Christians who know how, and do work, even outside its own walls.

Let's pray God that other Baptist churches in our state and Southland will see the great and marvelous opportunity for teaching God's Word to the colored boys and girls of our communities. Let us pray that God will somehow give us the means and a MAN to be a missionary to our Mississippi Negroes. God help us! I Peter 1:17. Acts 10:34.

John A. Farmer.

a short, historical background for each large territorial sphere of Southern Baptist Foreign Mission work, a picture of outstanding problems in that territory, and a brief resume of Southern Baptist work around the globe. Written by Florence Boston Decker, one-time missionary to China. 40c at the Book Store.

Baptist Assembly at Percy Quin Park

We will not undertake in this brief space to give a full report of the assembly that was held last week at Percy Quin Park, but we do want to say that this was a most delightful occasion. The enrollment was near the two hundred mark, the average attendance at meals and general assembly periods was near the 150 mark. the spirit was fine and the program was most interesting and helpful. That fine group of pastors in that section are responsible for this fine opportunity for those splendid people in that section, and are due credit for leading and promoting every plan that went into the making of the assembly spirit and success. True they had the cooperation of their churches, and the securing of this cooperation is also due to their good leadership. Percy Quin Park is a beautiful place, and lends itself ideally to just such a meeting as we enjoyed there last week. This is the second year for this assembly, and this second year with its increase in attendance proved the attractiveness of the venture. Next year a still larger group will be expected, a capacity crowd will no doubt be the result.

Boogy: When that elevator fell with you I suppose all your sins flashed before your eyes.

Woogy: Well, not all—you see, we only dropped five stories.

CHURCH SCHOOLS FURNISH THE BALANCED EDUCATION

By C. E. Bryant, Jr.
Baylor University

The Christian president of one of the South's great state universities recently held that "most college students have kindergarten concepts of Christ. State schools are told," he said, "take this child and carry him on in history, music and science, but don't disturb his religion." We spend hundreds of thousands of dollars testing physical laws, but we merely play at the task of learning spiritual truths taught by Christ."

This educator insisted that religion is not a set of hollow principles and ceremonies which can be drilled into youth by routine lectures, but its principles, to become vital, must be tested in a laboratory of daily living as a chemistry student tests a theoretical principle.

Therein lies one of the strongest arguments for our church schools. For in the classroom, on the campus and in the dormitory, the student in the denominational college actually "breathes" Christianity. The visitor can sense it whenever he steps upon the campus.

The majority of our ministers and 98 percent of our home and foreign missionaries were trained in church schools. Whenever a church seeks a consecrated leader, it looks to the graduates of the denominational college.

Church college graduates have scholarship and culture of the highest type, and with it they have Christian consciences: a combination that allows them to spread Christian principles throughout the land. They render a distinctive service for the Kingdom.

Doctors, dentists, nurses, merchants, farmers, bankers, lawyers, journalists, statesmen, industrialists, homemakers, men and women in every vocation who receive their education in Baptist schools are carrying the Christian message around the world to bless the world.

Let's make it a call to support the denominational school.

When parents send their children to the denominational school, they insure the child a balanced education to qualify him to meet world problems. When you contribute financially to the denominational school, you buy a share in a Christian world for all time to come.

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PEARSON

The Pearson Vacation Bible School meeting from June 16 through June 27, closed with a good commencement and a church ice cream social.

This was a church sponsored school, and the nine members of the faculty fully justified the confidence placed in them by the church. The total enrollment was eighty-one. One of the members ran his school bus every day to pick up children who couldn't come otherwise.

Rev. H. W. Roberson is the energetic pastor of this wide-awake church.

Antonina Canzoneri, Principal.
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Onlooker: "Surely, Mose, you don't expect to catch fish in that stream."

Mose: "No, sah, I don't expect to. Is just showing my old woman I had no time to turn de wringer."



Rev. Harry Beckman

I take great pleasure in saying a word of highest praise about Rev. Harry Beckman. He conducted the song services during our revival in May, and also had a special service each day for boys and girls. He sings and knows how to get others to sing. People of all ages respond in the finest way to his type of work. He illustrates his special songs with beautiful crayon drawings which are most interesting and helpful. The work he does with boys and girls is about the best thing that I have seen. He employs no high pressure methods.

Brother Beckman is a preacher, singer, crayon-artist, special worker with boys and girls, and a deeply spiritual Christian man. His work is in every way most satisfactory. I commend him and would like to see him used more and more in our state. He can be reached at Owensboro, Ky.

PACHUTA

One of the best Vacation Bible Schools ever held in the Pachuta church closed July 3, with appropriate commencement exercises. After the program, the congregation was invited to view the splendid exhibits made by the pupils during the past two weeks in handwork period. A recreation hour followed, with sandwiches, cookies and lemonade being served to all present.

Mrs. H. E. McCormack, general superintendent, announced that the highest attendance reached 65 and the average attendance was 52. The faculty was composed of the following: Superintendent, Mrs. H. E. McCormack; Intermediate Department, Rev. Hardee Kennedy, Mrs. R. E. Covington and Mrs. Ross; Junior, Mrs. J. J. Keahey, Mrs. Theo Herrington, Mrs. Aubrey McPhail and M. O. S. Parker. Primaries, Mrs. C. P. Campbell, Misses Martha Gene McCormack and Earline Brashier. Beginners, Mrs. Hilton Beaver and Mrs. E. G. Palmer; Pianist, Miss Elizabeth Covington.

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Recruit Instructor (to a squad of new boots at the naval training station): "Halt!"

But one of them marched on.

Recruit Instructor: "See here, Jones what did you do before joining the navy?"

Jones: "I was a teamster, sir."

Recruit Instructor (next time he gave the command): "Squad halt; Jones, whoa!"

**CAMP SHELBY PRESENTS
CHALLENGE TO MISS. BAPTISTS**
By M. E. Perry, Hattiesburg, Miss.

When Camp Shelby, near Hattiesburg, was first begun, I volunteered two months of my time as acting chaplain to the first boys sent to the camp. As a veteran of the first World War I felt that this need was not only challenging but imperative.

I am glad to know that something definite is going to be done by Southern Baptists for the boys in service. From my experience with the soldiers at Camp Shelby I would like to list some of the needs as I see them and some avenues of service whereby Baptists can do the most good in the proposed religious-emphasis program in the camps.

Baptist literature, such as denominational papers, tracts and posters, should be distributed freely, along with magazines and other good reading matter. Arrangements should be made for transportation of the soldiers into town for Sunday services, and for evenings set aside for group singing and impromptu entertainment, with the boys themselves given opportunity to form quartettes, choruses, orchestras, or take part in plays.

A program of contact between the boys and pastors and churches back home should be arranged; help should be given to keep mothers and fathers in touch with their sons; camp news columns in state denominational papers should carry interesting and suggestive plans about camp work.

Some supplies that would be of great help in maintaining friendly, Christian contact between the soldiers and the local church groups would include machines for showing moving pictures and slides of Baptist work around the world interspersed with other educational and entertaining features; a tent to be used for services and pictures; loudspeaker system for services and for advertising meetings; small pick-up truck for transporting tent and loudspeaker connections; plenty of good, inexpensive song books; large supply of religious and entertaining plays; large supplies of small gospels or New Testaments; mimeograph for advertising and other form letters necessary in contacting churches and ministers, and printing programs of special services; large canvas sign to be used in front of tent; special musical arrangements for male voices; equipment for games, such as basketball, volley ball, croquet set, tennis net and balls, softballs.

With these recreational and social features and a continuous program of preaching by different pastors whose churches will defray their expenses, Baptists can render a real service during this period of defense program training. All of these supplies and the equipment require money and the local churches are not usually able to bear all of it themselves.

But Mississippi Baptists have an opportunity on July 27 to raise their part of the \$300,000 offering by which Southern Baptists will carry on a program of religious emphasis in all of the camps of the south. The need is great and immediate. Southern Baptists cannot afford to fail in this challenging opportunity.

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Subscribe to The Baptist Record.

**BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS ON AID
FOR MINISTERIAL INSTITUTE
AND COLLEGE**

To Friends of Negro Youth:

Ministerial Institute and College is one of the oldest institutions in Mississippi. Established in 1892 to enhance the educational advantages and Christian character for the farming girls and boys of Northeast Mississippi. One of the outstanding features of the institution is its ministerial department, in this department preparedness is the essential keynote, all aspirants are encouraged to master the calling of the ministry. The school aims to lift up the ministry and the people. Stress is placed upon the importance of thoroughly knowing agriculture, horticulture, homemaking and shop work.

The school serves as a constituency that no other school can serve, that is, the poor boy and girl. It strives to make it possible for every boy and girl, who, on account of finances cannot attend the more expensive schools, able to come to the Ministerial Institute and College. The school has a standard high school course as passed upon by the agent for negro schools, a junior college and teacher training course. These are well prepared courses and enable those who complete them to go out and help others.

The demand for systematic labor is too strong to be disregarded. The constant aim of the institution will be to furnish the most practical and modern preparation for the girls and boys who attend here so that they can meet any demand made upon them. The school fosters the idea that every person should have some trade to which he can look and upon which he can depend for a livelihood; therefore all branches of work are given and emphasis placed upon thoroughly knowing them.

The school owns a \$35,000 building and 200 acres of fine farming land but there is some debt attached. We are making an urgent appeal for funds now. If \$6,000 can be raised, this will take care of our immediate need. Our future needs are: A Home Science Building and Equipment, and a sizable shop.

To those who will come to our rescue the Ministerial Institute and College in a short time will prove that the efforts to help will not be in vain, and our appreciation will be shown through the energy, ability and management put forth to turn out girls and boys well fitted for the various tasks that may be assigned them.

This institution proposes to be a living monument of usefulness. In the accomplishment of this great mission we feel that we can count on you. Every dollar will go towards the education of some poor negro boy or girl and prepare him to better fit into the economical program of our country.

Send contributions direct to Ministerial Institute and College, West Point, Miss.

(Rev. Chas. G. Hamilton informs us this is a Baptist school).

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A gentleman cruising in the Mediterranean wrote home to his son: "I am now standing on the edge of the precipice from which the ancient Spartans flung their defective children: I am sorry you are not with me."

BELZONI REVIVAL
Pastor Wm. Lowrey Compere

The Belzoni Baptist church enjoyed a most encouraging revival meeting during the week of June 29-July 6. The pastor had the privilege of preaching in the meeting and the music was led by Mr. Ira Prosser, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mr. Prosser is one of the outstanding leaders of sacred song in the entire southland. In his own masterful way he led the congregation in singing the praises of the Lord from their hearts, and then sang to their hearts in his special messages. His personal contacts among the people were made to count greatly as he witnessed so effectively in personal work.

Truly God opened the windows of Heaven and poured out His blessings upon our church during those few days. Large congregations attended both the morning and evening services throughout the week, and their deep interest and concern for the Lord's work delighted the pastor's heart. On the morning of the Fourth of July there were 95 people present for the service, the second largest morning crowd of the week—the largest being 105.

One of the high hours of the meeting was the patriotic service on the night of the Fourth, when the boys from the church family who are in the military training camps were remembered in prayer and each one was presented with a khaki service New Testament. These were presented through the mothers, wives, or some other member of the soldier boys' families.

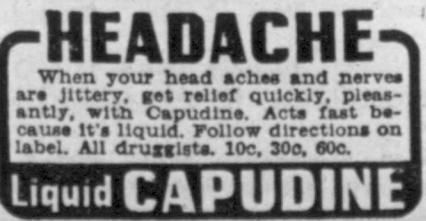
There were many direct answers to prayer and many decisions of eternal value made. There were 47 additions to the church, 29 by letter and 18 by baptism. This makes a total of 80 additions in our four months service together as pastor and people, of whom 31 have come on profession of faith. We thank God and take courage.

DECATUR

The Clarke-Venable Memorial Baptist Church closed out on the night of June 27th the greatest V. B. School in the history of the church. The total enrollment reached 143. A commencement program before a packed house was climaxed with a puppet show. The puppets were made in the school by the Junior and Intermediate girls. Pastor C. B. Hamlet, III, who served as principal, was supported by a faculty of 29 capable workers.

We are in the midst of our revival this week, July 6-13. Dr. Geo. P. White is our visiting evangelist and Rev. R. K. Corder is the director of music.

Reporter.



ORPHANAGE INFORMATION
By W. G. Mize

Orphanage receipts for month of June were as follows:
 General support fund:
 Cooperative Program \$ 306.81
 Designated gifts 3,115.82
 Direct to Orphanage 843.05
 Miscellaneous income 122.62

\$4,388.30
 Operating expenses for the month amounted to \$2,152.92 as follows:
 Dairy feed \$ 63.00
 Furniture and fixtures 159.55
 Water 38.62
 Gas 79.97
 Lights 53.34
 Auto and travel 153.09
 (Included in above was payment of \$68.90 on new truck.)
 Children's fund 33.37
 Postage 7.13
 Supplies 8.72
 Groceries 177.64
 Salaries 747.00
 (This includes 16 employees, 14 white and 2 colored.)
 Buildings and grounds 466.34
 Advertising—Baptist Record 50.00
 General expense 115.15

\$2,152.92
 Building fund:
 Receipts:
 Designated through Conv.
 Board \$ 336.25
 Interest on bonds 240.00
 Orphanage office 1,150.52

\$1,726.77
 Expenses:
 Exchange on checks \$ 2.08

The Orphanage admitted 17 new children during the month.

One boy and one girl completed their high school education, graduating with the more than 350 graduates of Central High School of Jackson. The girl, Ollie Carpenter, has entered training at the Baptist Hospital, while the boy, Orey Goff, has gone to Moss Point, where he will be employed in a paper mill.

The goal of \$10,000 as set by the Orphanage for the Mother's Day offering was not reached. The amount thus far received is approximately \$7,000. Perhaps your church, Sunday school, W. M. U., B. T. U. or Brotherhood was not represented in the gifts that have already been forwarded. If not, give your people an opportunity to make an offering at your earliest convenience and mail it immediately. The Orphanage is still in the midst of its building program and all contributions that are received over and above actual operating expenses will be used for this purpose.

Five Junior R. A.'s and four Intermediate R. A.'s of the Baptist Orphanage were privileged to attend the R. A. camp at Castalian Springs. Interested friends of the boys and of the Orphanage made this camp possible, for which the boys and the management are deeply grateful.

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Plans are going forward for erecting two new buildings for Spanish work, according to Rev. C. W. Stumph, Home Mission Board missionary, one in Gallup and one in Yrisarri, N. M.

A CENSUS AND A BUDGET WILL HELP

Last September as we came into Burnsville to attend the annual session of the Tishomingo County Baptist Association, we found Rev. C. C. Perry, pastor of New Liberty church, finishing their letter to the Association to be handed in, in a few minutes. He and a few of the members finally got \$6.00 together to be used through the Co-operative Program. The condition with that church is very different now. They have a church budget and have taken a census. The pastor has finished four books in Sunday school work and three of the other members have finished one book. Six months after the church adopted the budget, they had given \$18.00 through the Co-

operative Program and \$14.11 to state Missions. Brother Perry believes that all churches should be FULL TIME work. The census revealed as follows:

Total number in that territory—203 persons.

Total number of Baptists—61.

Total number of Methodists—15.

Total number of Pentecostals—6.

Total number of Campbellites—13.

Total number in the Sunday school—75.

Total number lost above ten years of age—64.

66% above 10 years of age are lost.

Number of tithers—5.

It has been my privilege to work with this church and pastor two weeks this year.

E. D. Estes,
State Evangelist.

V. B. SCHOOLS IN JONES COUNTY

During the weeks June 23 to July 4, two very successful and enjoyable Vacation Bible Schools were held in Jones County. The first one was held at Bethlehem, the other one at Sharon.

Bethlehem had 110 enrolled and Sharon 66. Much interest was shown among both students and teachers. Several dedications were made and 10 conversions at Sharon. There was also some at Bethlehem who took their stand for Christ.

It was a happy privilege to work in the schools with the pastor, Rev. G. G. Mooney, who acted as superintendent over both schools.—Gladys Bryant.

TO THE MODERATORS
OF ASSOCIATIONS —

DEAR FELLOW WORKERS:

At the meeting of your association this year will you please give as much time to the RECORD as your program will permit.

You can be of invaluable service to the RECORD and to Mississippi Baptists by helping to make our people more and more RECORD-conscious, more and more RECORD-minded.

Let me suggest a few specific ways in which you can help with the promotion of our paper.

FIRST: Allow sufficient time on your program for an adequate presentation of The Record's aims and purposes.

SECOND: If you do not already have a general representative of The Record in your association, be sure to elect one when you meet.

THIRD: Make sure that every church in your association has its own Record representative.

FOURTH: Urge the prompt renewal of all subscriptions when they fall due.

FIFTH: See that the EVERY FAMILY plan is explained. This popular and progressive Plan has enabled The Baptist Record to increase its circulation from 4,001 in 1935 to 22,800 in 1941. It must have some merit.

SIXTH: At the very first session appoint some one to receive subscriptions for The Baptist Record. Ask them to send in the names and money promptly.

SEVENTH: Remember that The Record stands for the promotion and the progress of our entire Christian program, and for the highest interests of our Baptist life.

Cordially yours,

A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager.

OUR AIM: To inspire and to inform Baptists and to promote Baptist affairs.

**WHAT WE PLAN TO DO WITH THE \$300,000
ASKED FOR IN THE EMERGENCY
CAMPAIGN**
By J. B. Lawrence
Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Baptist Home Mission Board

It is impossible to go into detail in the spending of this money for the simple reason that it would take a book if we did. There are seventy-five camps with 10,000 and more men in them, and forty-five camps with 10,000 down. In addition to this, the Government has projected other camps and industrial enterprises for the making of airplanes, shells, powder and other implements of war. All together, the Government preparedness program will bring into the camps and contiguous to the camps approximately a million men. All of this must be taken into consideration in the program which we are launching.

The work which we are planning to do is strictly and purely religious work. The U. S. O. is providing for a social program for the men. One of the main features in this entertainment will be dances.

The Home Mission Board will give itself exclusively to the preaching of the Gospel to the men. The services rendered by the Home Mission Board and its workers will be purely religious.

There are two features to our work: One on the inside of the camps, and the other in the communities contiguous to the camps. Inside the camps we will work in cooperation with the chaplains. Outside the camps we will work in cooperation with the Baptist churches. This work is inter-related because at least two-thirds of the men in the camps will have week-end leaves and will not be in the camps on Sunday. We are planning to help these young men to have and find places to worship on Sunday while they are out of the camps; to employ workers whose business it will be to work with the men and get them into the services of the churches.

We cannot mention all the things necessary to be done in the camps but we can give in a general way some idea of the extent, the comprehensiveness and the importance of the work.

1—We will give to the Baptist chaplains in the camps denominational standing. The man whom we have employed for camp work will personally contact the chaplains, hold conferences with them, build group morale and establish for them denominational contact and standing.

2—The Government is building chapels in which services can be held, but the Government is not furnishing sufficient equipment. The chaplains will need an organ, or a piano; they will need song-books, Sunday school and B. T. U. literature and other things that go with and make church services effective. This will have to be furnished because the chaplains are not able to furnish it and the salaries of the soldiers are not sufficient for them to buy it. When we remember that there are about 225 Baptist chaplains in the camps already, we begin to see what this item alone will mean.

3—We will need to furnish Testaments and other religious literature for the men not only in the regiments over which Baptist chaplains preside, but for the Baptist men in every regiment. There will be at least 300,000 Baptist men in the camps and each of these men should have a New Testament.

4—The Government has made it possible for the chaplains to invite pastors of churches to the camps to hold services. The superintendent of camp work for the Home Mission Board will arrange with the chaplains for special evangelistic services. Pastors and singers will be needed. In many instances these men will be willing to contribute their services, but their expenses will have to be paid and the men in the camps will not be able to pay this expense. The Home Mission Board will have to provide expenses when not provided by local churches. We are hoping to have a great wave of evangelism throughout our camps equal to that held in the Confederate army during the Civil War. Hundreds of thousands of men were converted during that period. May we have another experience like that!

5—I have many letters from chaplains calling

our attention to the things they need. One chaplain calls attention to what the Episcopalians are doing for the Episcopal chaplains. He sends us two booklets which they have provided and a folder entitled, "A Greeting from your Chaplain," which gives helpful hints to recruits. This is being furnished to the Episcopal chaplains in such quantities that they can give each one of the men in their regiment a copy. We Baptist ought to do something like that. We need a well written book for our soldiers in training that will give them instructions for their daily Christian life. This book should not be too long, but it ought to be well written and prepared to help the service man in his daily devotional life. We want him to come away from the camp a good Christian. It will take 250,000 copies at least to supply the demand.

6—We need also books, magazines and other good reading matter in the reading room of the chapel where the men can come and spend their leisure hours.

The second part of our work is on the outside of the camps in connection with the Baptist churches in the communities contiguous to the camps. There are more than 130 communities which have grown up outside the camps and in these live many of the families of the officers. In many of these communities there are only part-time churches, absolutely unable to minister to these enlarged new communities. We must help these churches to serve the boys in the camps and the communities outside the camps.

1—Where they do not have adequate church facilities we want to help them secure the needed space. This work will be done in cooperation with the state mission boards. In many instances we will have to build church houses. In some places we will only have to build additions, but in practically every place, if these churches serve the community, something will have to be done in order to enable them to render the service needed.

2—We will need at practically every camp a worker who will contact the boys outside the camp, working with the Baptist churches. Practically every church will need to prepare a recreation room for the boys. They will need books and magazines and simple games. This is not only true of the country churches, but it is also true of the city churches. Most of these boys will go from the camps direct to the cities. Shall we allow them to drift, or shall we make some provision to give these boys a resting place, a recreation room where they can sit and talk and read and play simple games during the week, and then get them into the services on Sunday. We will need a worker for every town and community contiguous to the camps to help in this work.

3—As time goes on, we will realize more and more the need of this outside work. Since at least 500,000 men will be out of the camps every weekend, flooding the towns and cities adjacent to the camps, it stands to reason that we must do something to direct them to our churches for services on Sunday. Our city churches and pastors will realize more and more the necessity of a strong denominational program to help them in their effort to reach these men for Christ.

There is no end to the things that can be done and that should be done for these boys in the camps, where things are different and strange and new. On the inside of the camps we will work through the chaplains; outside the camps through the pastors and the churches.

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Thanks for this paragraph in The Watchman-Examiner of New York: The dean of Southern Baptist editors is Dr. P. I. Lipsey, of the Baptist Record, published in Jackson, Miss. Dr. Lipsey has been editor of that paper since 1912 and is still carrying on with vigor and ability. He has held many positions of honor in our denomination and all the while has made a more than worthwhile Baptist paper. With his friends everywhere we offer to him our congratulations and our best wishes.

Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus, Home Board evangelist to Jews recently spent a Sunday in Meridian, preaching at First Church in the morning and at Highland in the evening.

Despite war conditions and the removal of many schools to the interior, there are said to be more young people enrolled in Chinese schools than ever before.

SOME LESSONS LEARNED ATTENDING ASSOCIATIONS

The writer has been attending associations for many years. The associations range in quality from bad to best. Below we suggest some lessons learned at the Mississippi Baptist Associations.

First: Associations should prepare a program. We have attended associations where the program committee was appointed after the moderator was elected. Committees appointed at ten thirty-five a. m. can't give much thought to a report scheduled for ten-forty.

Second: While usually there will be need for some adjustments of the program, it should be followed as closely as possible.

Third: Have a time and a time limit for each report and get on time and stay on time. Start each report on time and tell the person making the report that his time will be up at —. In other words follow the program.

Fourth: Suggested reports as sent out by headquarters are not intended to be used word for word. They are to provide information as an aid in preparing a report. But alas! in many cases, (sometimes due to laziness), the suggested report is simply read, word for word.

Fifth: Urge committees to submit short reports. Association minutes cost money. Much space would be saved if the reports were shorter. Better still, simply submit the report without taking the time to read it and make or get someone to use the allotted time for a well-prepared speech on the subject.

Sixth: The average association (especially the one-day associations) take up too much time with devotionals. Devotionals are needed and helpful. But in a one-day association an opening devotional, an association sermon, and an afternoon devotional take up much of the few hours of the yearly one-day meeting of the association. One such association combines the opening devotional, the sermon, and the afternoon devotional into the sermon which comes at the beginning of the morning session and consumes forty-five minutes in time.

Seventh: Persons who are to make reports should be notified at least a month before the association meets. And they should be politely but firmly requested to notify the proper person, if they find it impossible to perform the task assigned. For it adds nothing to the worth of an associational meeting for the moderator to call for a report and THEN to be informed that the person who was to make the report is not present. And it is just as bad to have the person present but saying, "I didn't know I was to make this report until yesterday when I saw the program in the county paper."

In other words, good associational meetings don't "just happen." God expects us to give as much attention to associational preparation as we would if it were preparation for our own enterprise.

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The First Baptist Church, Laurel, Miss., is to be dedicated the third Sunday in October. The church house was built in 1918 and financed through a bond issue which was to mature in 1947; but with God's financial plan and Every Family Plan of the Baptist Record, these bonds will be retired six years in advance. The program for Oct. 19th has not been completed. The people are happy and expectant. The Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad. "Everybody happy, say amen." We could save thousands of dollars on our denominational debts, if we had faith to prove God.—L. G. Gates, Pastor.

A Vacation Bible School was held at Vaiden, Mississippi, the week of June 23. The Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches cooperated in the direction and work of the school. Active workers from each of the three churches combined their efforts in making this undertaking highly successful. There was an enrollment of sixty-five children, with an average attendance of fifty-eight.

Third Church, St. Louis, Dr. O. C. Oscar Johnson, Pastor, has broken ground for a new educational building to cost \$450,000 to be finished within a year.